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TOWN OF EASTON

Incorporated	1725
Area of Town	29.04 Square Miles
Population	19,807 (1990 Federal Census) 22,858 (1999 Town Census)
Form of Government	Town Meeting
Total Assessed Valuation as of January 1, 1999	\$1,401,831,077
Town Meeting	Second Monday in April
Town Election	Fourth Monday in April

REPRESENTATIVES FOR EASTON

United States Senators

John F. Kerry	Edward M. Kennedy
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Representatives in Congress

Ninth Congressional District (Pcts. 2A, 4, 5, 6)	John Joseph Moakley, Boston
Fourth Congressional District (Pcts. 1, 2B, 3)	Barney Frank, Newton

State Senators

Second Plymouth & Bristol District: (Pcts. 1, 2, 4, 5)	Robert S. Creedon, Jr. Brockton
Norfolk Bristol & Plymouth District: (Pcts. 3, 6)	Jo Ann Sprague, Walpole

Representatives in General Court

Eleventh Plymouth District: (Pcts. 1, 2A, 4, 5)	Geraldine Creedon, Brockton
Eighth Plymouth District: (Pcts. 2B, 3, 6)	David L. Flynn, Bridgewater

Governor's Councillor

Second District	Kelly A. Timilty, Canton
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IN MEMORIAM

KENNETH R. JACKSON
OLIVE H. GURNEY
A. EDNA CRAM-NUGENT
JOHN C. LINDSTROM
THOMAS A. MATTA
ROBERT S. SIMS
KENNETH R. HOLLIS
JAMES M. DOHERTY
DAVID A. JOHNSON
FREDERICK R. ANDERSON
GEORGE CRAVENHO
MARY C. WALDRON
HAROLD C. THOMAS
ALLISTON S. RAY
FREDERICK J. MEADE
LIL G. RIDEOUT
GEORGE DUHAMEL, JR.
JAMES L. STARR
ALVA C. MILLER

In recognition of services of these dedicated citizens who performed their civic duty with enthusiasm and pride, the citizens of Easton hereby give formal expression of its grievous loss and does hereby note in its records their passing from this life and extend to their families their heartfelt sympathy.

TOWN OF EASTON ELECTED OFFICERS:

MODERATOR

Richard C. Dailey 2000

SELECTMEN

William D. Hardin 2002
Frederick W. Clark 2001
Carla A. Goodwin 2001
Jeffrey L. Tufts 2000
Patricia E. Webster 2000

ASSESSORS

Gerard S. Marsan 2002
Charles C. Willis 2001
John A. Keach, Jr. 2000

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

William P. Braun 2002
Caroline S. O'Neill 2002
Lennart K. Altieri 2001
Marc R. Brockman 2001
William J. Flynn III 2000

BOARD OF HEALTH

David E. Gardner 2002
Robert J. Kane 2001
William Grimes 2000

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Sylvia C. Gardner (State Member) 2004
Michael J. Malloy 2003
Daniel M. Crane 2002
Sandra L. Conant 2001
June H. Brousseau 2000

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Allen R. Barron 2002
Dawn Marie Boynton 2002
Robert L. Hicks 2002
David W. Brown 2001
John J. Kent 2001
Heidi M. Churchill 2001
Elyese F. Cicchetti 2000
Christopher D'Arpino 2000
Brian D. Herr 2000

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Ralph Armstead 2002

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Kevin E. Paicos, Town Administrator
Martha Leigh White, Asst. Town Administrator
Wendy V. Nightingale, Town Accountant
Martyn H. Lincoln, Town Attorney
Janet Andrus Linehan, Town Clerk
Esther C. Anderson, Town Clerk Emeritus
Jean A. Shearing, Assistant Town Clerk
Cynthia M. Curry, Treasurer and Collector
Pamela J. Berglund, Asst. Treasurer/Collector
Anne M. Carney, Assistant Assessor
Dolores M. Kent, Veterans Agt./Council on Aging Director
Annalee M. Bundy, Library Exec. Director
Donald J. Edmonston, Recreation Director
Marc R. Rousseau, Town Planner

William J. Simmons, Ed. D., J.D., School Supt.
Judith M. Frederick, Ed. D., Assistant Supt.
Michael Green, Ed. D., Adm. Asst to Supt.

Roger A. Hill, DPW Director
Edward C. Jacobson, Supt. of Streets
Wayne P. Southworth, Supt. of Water Division
John J. Marsh, Asst. Supt. of Water Division
Richard Hayes, Supt. of Central Maintenance
Peter Huie, Town Engineer

Phillip E. Blye, Fire Chief and Forest Warden
Norman F. McNeil, Deputy Fire Chief

Stanley P. Bates, Jr., Police Chief
Allen R. Krajcik, Deputy Police Chief
John D. Melin, Animal Control Officer
Elizabeth J. DeRosa, Asst. Animal Control Officer

Wallace M. Fulcher, Inspector of Buildings and Zoning Enforcement Officer; Sealer of Weights & Measures
Albert K. Greiner, Code Enforcement & Wiring Inspector
John F. Amorim, Assistant Wiring Inspector
Robert Govey, Plumbing and Gas Inspector
Barton R. Carlson, Asst. Plumbing & Gas Inspector

Wade D. Saucier, Board of Health Director
John D. Melin, Animal Insp. and Milk Inspector

John A. Keach, Jr., Deputy Moderator
John F. Creedon, Deputy Moderator
Carla A. Goodwin, Deputy Moderator

CONSTABLES:

James A. Carey	2002
Scott Crelease	2002
Michael Freeman	2002
John Hurley	2002
Margaret Carey	2002
Paul Foley	2002
Michael Bombas	2002
George A. Mather	2002
Elaine Mather	2002
Robert Babineau	2001
Jerold Loomis.	2001
Harold L. March	2001
Neil J. McGrath	2001
John Melin	2001
William E. Scharnick	2000
Jerome Zeidman	2000
Roger R. Guerette	2000

APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

(In Alphabetical Order)

BOARD OF APPEALS

Walter Mirrione	2004
Stephen Pinzari	2003
Paul G. Pino	2002
Stephen J. McAlarney	2001
Stephen A. Freitas	2000
Brian T. O'Neill, Jr., Alternate	2001
Paul D. Mullen, Alternate	2000

CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE

David W. Brown	2001
David Linde	2001
David S. Wood, Jr.	2001
Lewis N. Aries, Jr.	2000
John E. McMorro	2000
Scott Rubin	2000
George Tyrrell	2000

CANOE RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

William D. Hardin	2002
Philip Barske	2001
Wayne P. Southworth	2000

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLANNING COMMITTEE

Sharyn Katz	2002
Paul Dubois	2002
Bruce Baker	2001
Michael J. Boyle	2000
Wendy V. Nightingale	Town Accountant
Colin Gillis	Planning & Zoning Board
Heidi M. Churchill	Finance Committee

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Raymond Phillips	2001
John D. Melin	2000

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Michael G. Sites	2002
Frederick Clark, Jr.	2001
Barry DunKley	2001
John E. Grant	2000
Forest E. Henderson	2000

COUNCIL ON AGING

Elizabeth A. Verity	2002
Francis H. Spillane	2002
Christine Quinn	2002
Phyllis Kiessling	2001
Nicolina Previti	2001
Marie Healey	2000
Ethel Pomerleau	2000
Dolores M. Kent, Director	

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Sharyn Katz	2002
Jennie DunKley	2001
Susan P. Harrington	2001
Jennifer A. Edwards-Hawkins	2001
Gino DelGuercio	2001
Celeste Howe	2001
William J. MacMullen	2001

EDUCATION & MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL ACCESS COMMITTEE

Michael Deltano, Informational Systems Mgr.
Christine E. Margulies
Lewis N. Aries, Jr.
Anne M. Carney, Data Processing Dept. Mgr.

FENCE VIEWERS

John A. Keach, Jr.
Robert L. Hicks
Frank Meninno

FLYAWAY POND RESTORATION COMMITTEE

Philip Barske
Barry DunKley, Historical Commission
Paul Fruzzetti
John J. Kent
Paul Marino, Jr.
Alan Roscoe
John Webby
Frederick W. Clark, Jr., Conservation Comm.

HANDICAP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Jean H. Cote	2001
Patricia Dahl	2001
Edward Jacobson, ADA Coordinator	

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Greg Galer	2002
Frank T. Meninno	2002
Gloria J. Stafford	2001
Barry R. Dunkley	2001
Edmund C. Hands	2000
Kathleen A. O'Reilly	2000
John Ventresco	2000

HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Scott Bamford	2001
Carolyn Tabaie	2001
Philip Barske	2000
Stephen A. Freitas, Board of Appeals	

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

Richard L. Freitas	2002
David R. Morse	2001
Leo N. Turcotte	2000
Kenneth Carlson	2000

BOARD OF LIBRARY DIRECTORS

James S. Thomas	2002
Gerard S. Marsan	2002
Donna P. Richman	2002
William M. Ames	2001
Kathleen E. Boyle	2001
Hazel L. Varella	2001
Edwin C. White	2000
Daniel Churchill	2000
Gloria J. Stafford	2000
Annalee M. Bundy, Executive Director	

MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Peter B. Yochim	2002
Kenneth Carlson	2002
Paul Mullen	2001
Gail Tuominen	2001
Michael Carey	2000

OCEC ELDER SERVICES

Elizabeth Verity, Board of Directors

OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

Jeanmarie Kent Joyce, Representative

OCPC AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY CTTE.

Muriel MacAfee, Delegate

OCPC AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVIS. CTTE. (Cont'd)

Phyllis Kiessling, Alternate

OCPC TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Roger A. Hill, Representative

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

Mark S. Bartlett	2004
David Boch	2003
Christopher J. Kone	2002
William J. Meehan	2001
Colin W. Gillis	2000

RECREATION COMMISSION

John McDonald	2002
Mary McCarthy	2002
Michael Carey	2002
Alex Szymulo	2001
Stephen Torrey	2001
Charles H. Hammond	2000
Frank Spillane	2000
Stephanie Coose	2000
Patrick Goodman, Associate Member	
Donald J. Edmonston, Director	

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Jean M. Kent	2002
Jean H. Cote	2001
Albert W. Fleury	2000
Janet Andrus Linehan, Clerk	

SCHOOL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Lennart K. Altieri
Marc R. Brockman

275TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

David E. Gardner
Richard Berglund
Pamela Berglund
Ernest Camara
John B. Foye
Elizabeth H. Verity
Louis G. Silva
Sylvia C. Gardner
Avery L. Williams
Sharon O'Leary
Marie A. Madden
Anne Marie Martin
Diane Shannon
Marie Graca
Marilyn A. Henderson

**VETERAN'S AND MEMORIAL DAY
PARADE COMMITTEE**

Mary C. Scully
Louis G. Silva
John Flynn
Ernest R. Camara
Daniel B. Amorim
Paul H. Tanner

**WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT STUDY
COMMITTEE**

Howard Margulies
Daniel M. Crane
Mark Peterson
Mary Ellen Radovanic
Ronald Lawson
George Sherback
Kenneth Carlson

WATER ADVISORY BOARD

James D. Mullen, Jr.	2002
Shirley Tufts	2001
Bradley W. Lacouture	2000
Wayne P. Southworth, Water Superintendent & Local Water Resources Management Officer	

WORLD WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

John F. Hurley, Chair
Chairman Board of Selectmen
Chairman School Committee
Commander George F. Schindler Post VFW
Commander George S. Shepard Post, A.L.
John D. Melin
Robert J. McLaughlin

1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of Easton:

In April 1999, after the re-election of William Hardin, the Board was reorganized with Jeffrey Tufts as Chairman and Carla Goodwin as Clerk.

The Board of Selectmen spent most of 1999 working on long term projects. Many of these issues are still in the policy development stage and require further work and consensus building. The school reuse, Fire department study, growth management study, sewage disposal study are just a few examples on the projects the Board has been involved with.

The proposed MBTA expansion into and through Easton has seen constant attention this year by the Board. The situation changes weekly and requires constant monitoring. The opposition effort continues in earnest.

The landfill was closed this year as required by the State Government. We wish to thank all residents for the smooth adjustment to the new private sector trash collection.

The combined effect of rapid growth and inadequate State funding, especially Chapter 70 education funding, continues to create a substantial pinch on Town budgets. We are hoping that the Education Reform Law will be amended and redesigned to bring the Town substantial new education funding. We have continued to lobby on the State level to attain Easton's fair share of local aid.

Chapter 90 funding for road and bridge repair has also dwindled forcing the curtailment of all of our road, drainage, and sidewalk repair plans. State funding cutbacks can be directly tied to the Big Dig construction cost. We urge residents to help lobby State lawmakers for a proper return of Easton Taxpayer's funds in the form of both Chapter 90 and Chapter 70 aid.

We are fortunate to have many dedicated citizens that volunteer to serve on the various town boards, committees and other activities. Without their tireless efforts the quality of life in Easton would be greatly diminished. We offer to them our heartfelt thanks.

The backbone of any community is the employees. We are truly blessed in Easton to have outstanding employees. Many of our employees have leadership positions in their professional associations a true barometer of the quality and talent level that Easton has attracted. Our thanks to you for a job well done.

For an unprecedented tenth consecutive year Easton was recognized as having the best safety programs of any city or town in Massachusetts. This prestigious award footnotes the hundreds of thousands of dollars which the Town's safety effort saves in insurance

costs each year. Special thanks to the Executive Loss Control Committee for their leadership in coordinating our safety efforts.

In the Selectmen's office, we would like to acknowledge the efforts of Kevin Paicos, Town Administrator; Martha White, Assistant Town Administrator; Shelly Meehan Executive Secretary; and Mary McCarthy Administrative Secretary, Nicolina Previti Senior Volunteer, Anthony Correnti Administrative Intern, Steve Tessler Administrative Intern, their assistance was truly appreciated.

We extend our appreciation and thanks to all those that made our job easier, and to those that challenged us to work harder.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Tufts, Chairman

FOR THE EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

- Carla Goodwin, Clerk
- William Hardin
- Patricia Webster
- Frederick Clark

1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the citizens and taxpayers of Easton

The following report is submitted herewith:

A SUMMARY OF THE RECAPITULATION SHEET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000 IS AS FOLLOWS:

The Board of Assessors analyzed sales from 1998 and found that the market had increased to such an extent that assessed values needed to be increased in order to stay within the Department of Revenue guidelines for fair and equitable assessments. An interim update of values was done and the result was an increase in assessed values and a drop in the tax rate from \$ 16.84 to \$ 16.24. Even with the drop in the tax rate, the average homeowner saw an increase in taxes, as permitted under Proposition 2 ½, due to town meeting appropriation.

The assessment date for fiscal year 2000 was January 1, 1999. This was the first year that the Town reached 5000 single-family homes. Along with this the Town has 1160 condominiums, 167 two-family homes and 22 three family homes.

Assessed Value of Real Estate	\$ 1,383,136,500.00
Assessed Value of Personal Property	18,694,577.00
Total Assessed Value of Real & Personal Property	\$ 1,401,831,077.00

EXPENDITURES:

Appropriations	\$ 40,410,045.15
Cherry Sheet Offsets & Misc.Charges	83,468.29
State & County Charges	302,948.00
Overlay Account	298,965.41
Total Expenditures	\$ 41,095,426.85

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS:

State Receipts	\$	9,706,438.00
Local Receipts		3,628,041.00
Offset Receipts		431,477.00
Enterprise Funds		2,284,958.00
Free Cash/Other Available Funds		2,278,766.15
Total Receipts & Available Funds	\$	18,329,690.15

NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION \$ 22,765,736.70

Tax Rate = 22,765,736.70 / 1,401,831,077 X 1000 = \$ 16.24

JOHN A. KEACH,	CHAIRMAN
CHARLES C. WILLIS	VICE-CHAIRMAN
GERARD S. MARSAN	CLERK

1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

This has been a challenging year for the Finance Committee, the other Town departments and committees involved in Town finances.

The actions of the State Administration and the General Court have caused great concern for communities. The State budget was finally approved in November.

Over the past year the Finance Committee scheduled nineteen meetings, attended three Town or Special Town Meetings and reviewed one Reserve account request.

The members also attended subcommittee meetings with the several Town departments or committees. At each of these meetings the budgets were reviewed with each department head prior to the Town Meetings.

The Finance Committee members accept their responsibilities to "... (advise) the Town Meeting on any and all matters which are to come before the Town Meeting..." (Town Charter).

The members will miss Gloria Stafford; Gloria provided a valuable service for the Committee. She was first elected to the Committee in 1991.

Robert L. Hicks and Allen R. Barron were re-elected at the Annual Town Election in April. The Committee members welcome two new members: Dawn Marie Boynton and Elyese F. Cicchetti.

Our thanks and appreciation are extended to the Committee Secretary, Shelly Meehan, for her work on behalf of the Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

John J. Kent, Chairman
Heidi Churchill, Vice-Chairman
Brian D. Herr, Clerk
Allen R. Barron
Dawn Marie Boynton
David W. Brown
Elyese F. Cicchetti
Christopher L. D'Arpino
Robert L. Hicks

1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF

EASTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

During 1999, the Easton Public Schools continued to address new responsibilities and demands, while focusing on long range plans to meet increased enrollment and space concerns. School Councils, which brought individual improvement plans and creative ideas to each of the schools, worked in concert with the School Committee and school administration. The collaboration between the School Committee, staff, parents and the community-at-large once again provided the foundation for a comprehensive and cohesive approach to the education of Easton's students.

As this report indicates, the Easton Public Schools evidenced a number of significant accomplishments and changes during the past year. In addition to the administrative, statutory and fiscal impacts that influenced the day-to-day operation of the school system, a number of events, achievements, and issues are indicative of the active and productive learning that takes place in the schools. This summary touches upon some of the details which made up the lives of Easton's young people and adults during the past year.

STAFF CHANGES

During the 1999 school year, an unprecedented number of staff changes were experienced by the school system. Retirements included Duncan Oliver, high school principal; Sue Rivard, high school assistant principal; Andy Miller, Olmsted Principal; Jack Walsh, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent; Doc Harrison, Math Department Head; Dave Ryan, Science Department Head; Secondary Math teacher Ed Lemish, Secondary English teachers Kathy Mooney and Karla Moline, Secondary Science teachers Toulia Demetriades and Bob Pratt, and Secondary Physical Education teacher Steve Trombly; Elementary teachers Rosemary Moore, Bea Clem, Denise King, Priscilla Olson and school psychologist Karen Gilbert. Staff moving to other professional opportunities included English teachers Elaine Hanson and Kerry Shairs, SPED teacher Jeff Graham, Business Manager Jay Ritter, Music teacher Beth Tennenbaum, and Elementary teacher Julie Willett. In addition, health issues did not allow Dina Caple to return to her beloved SPED teaching role.

The Easton schools and the Town of Easton will certainly miss the professionalism, love of children and dedication shown by those staff members who have left the school system during this extraordinary period of change and transition.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The class of 1999 was highly successful in reaching its goals. Over eighty-seven percent enrolled in four-year colleges, junior colleges, nursing schools or technical institutes. Approximately eleven percent elected to join the world of work, and two percent the military.

The class of 1999 also set a new record for accruing the largest financial aid total to date. The individual awards were a combination of collegiate, federal, state and local funds. The citizens of Easton continued their generosity by contributing to the many scholarships raised within the community.

While students continued to achieve well above state and national levels in the SATs, Advanced Placement test scores in English Language and Literature, United States History, and Calculus indicated that more than 89 percent of those taking the tests earned scores of 3 or above, thus entitling them to college credit. Four high school students earned Commended Student status from the National Merit Scholarship competition, and one student was named as a semi-finalist. Easton's Academic Bowl Team again won the honor as champion of the South Shore League.

Twenty-three students took advantage of dual enrollment opportunities at Bridgewater State and Massasoit in both the spring and fall semesters, while others were involved in coursework at Stonehill College for both high school and college credit. The Business and Technology Department's Shadow Program, improving career education, had ninety students shadow local employees in thirty-nine area companies for a day to learn about a previously selected occupation. Thirteen students were enrolled as Tech Prep students and received college credit at participating colleges. Also, courses in Industrial Technology earned Tech Prep status from technical higher education schools.

A number of high school and junior high school students were involved in three days of intensive training in conflict resolution and peer mediation strategies. The program is in its sixth year and has proven to be a very effective means of resolving student issues and peer conflicts.

This past year saw a secondary Future Problem Solving Team address community problem solving issues and be selected as winner in this category in the state competition, with the opportunity to represent Massachusetts in national and international competition.

At the junior high school, Peer Assistant Leaders continued to provide assistance for students new to the building. In addition to providing information to grade 6 students at the Olmsted and Richardson schools, students assisted at all afternoon and evening functions held at the junior high school. The National Junior Honor Society welcomed new members into the Society in the spring and undertook a number of community service projects, including the NRT Harvest Fair, the Holiday Festival at the Rockery, the Lions Club Auction, the Center School Halloween Parade, and tutoring students after school who needed the extra help. Junior high school students also participated in the 6th annual Teen Harmony Day at the Fleet Center, a day long event celebrating diversity and tolerance in preparation for Make A Difference week in the spring. An outgrowth of this involvement was the student organization, HANDS, through which Easton students dedicated themselves to promoting tolerance and respect for others, and focused on ways to help achieve a non-discriminatory society. One such way was the introduction of the Facing History and Ourselves program, an interdisciplinary focus of study at each junior high school grade level.

The Art Department continued to oversee many contests so that students had an opportunity to compete in a variety of arenas. Major winners and honorees during the year at the high school included Sean Williams, Rachel Tracy and Pat McLaughlin, whose work was chosen in the 275th Anniversary Easton logo contest, and three gold key winners in the prestigious Boston Globe Art Show, Flannery Surette, Bonnie Fletcher and Katie Klencheski. At the junior high level, a number of students participated in the SMARTS Touring Art Exhibit, and Nick Morris' art was an honorable mention at the Boston Globe Show. Elementary students whose art work was recognized through the Boston Flower Show or the Lions International Peace Poster Contest included Courtney Searles, Alicia Gomes, Brittany Tasho, Jenny Covett, Allison Day, Zachary Kayce, Kasina Tremblay, Ashley Douglas, Erin Sheehan, Ashleigh Sheehan and Gabrielle Talbot. Student work was exhibited at many locations throughout the year, including the high school's alumni art

gallery, the art hallway in the high school, the central administration office, the "Welcome Mat" mural in the high school, the Easton Water Department, the Fuller Art Museum, the Easton Marketplace, the Brockton Art Center, the Attleboro Art Museum, the Transportation Building in Boston, Stonehill College, and the Wang Center.

In Music, David Chace took over the Richardson/Olmsted Band program, and his students performed extremely well at the December, 1999 Winter Concert. The Oliver Ames High School Marching Band and Color Guard, under the direction of Steve Conant, captured a State Championship, while the Oliver Ames Jazz Band won the Gold Medal at the IAJE State Finals. The OAHS Show Choir, Panache, was chosen Grand Champion for the third year in a row at the Eastern Show Choir Festival, receiving top honors in Choreography and Show. The 1999 OAHS musical production of "Once On This Island" was directed by Mrs. Dalrymple and proved to be a tremendous endeavor. The Easton Junior High School Band, Jazz Band, Orchestra, Concert Choir and Show Choir each earned a Superior or Gold Medal rating at the Great East Music Festival in Methuen and Salem, New Hampshire. Jennifer McGill and Jennifer Willis participated in the 1999 All-State Festival, and were recommended to audition for the National High School Honors Orchestra. Cathleen Spadea and Leon Silva were selected to perform with the 1999 Lions Club All-State Band. TEMPO continued to provide much financial and emotional support.

At the elementary level, the spring concert in May and the third annual winter concert in December were held at the Olmsted/Richardson schools, and featured the combined Olmsted and Richardson fifth grade chorus, sixth grade chorus, orchestra, chamber orchestra, show choir ("Spotlight") and concert band. The winter concert was dedicated to the men and women of the Easton Police and Fire Departments. End-of-the-year musical programs were performed in each of the three primary schools under the direction of Mrs. Baker. Also, work continued on the integration of music with the other elementary content subjects.

In Social Studies, students were involved in Community Service, the Washington, D.C. Close-Up Program, Student Government Day, the Academic Bowl Team, the Mock Trial program at both the high school and junior high school levels, National History Day for Grade 8 students, the National Geography Bee for Grades 7 and 8, the two day Hockomock Senate, the Lions Club Speech Competition, and the Pvt. George F. Schindler Post of the VFW Voice of Democracy Contest.

The World Languages Department continued its exchange initiative with Forges-les-Eaux, France, as a group of students from Oliver Ames High School participated in the thirteenth year of an exchange with Lycee Delamare. The high school participated in a second exchange program in September, by hosting a group of students from Barcelona, Spain. A group of junior high school students also toured Montreal, Canada during the summer, where the students visited and experienced first hand the culture of French Canada.

In Family and Consumer Sciences, students baked cookies for the Easton Firefighters annual children's party, quilted baby quilts for donation to needy children, donated handsewn cloth dolls to the Boston Medical Center pediatric ward as part of the "Sixth Annual Doll Project" sponsored by the hospital, cooked holiday meals for elderly citizens involved with the Council of Aging, prepared refreshments for the Science Fair, altered prom gowns, made costumes for school plays, and sponsored outdoor barbecues for the three junior high school classes. Students in the new Early Childhood Education Tech Prep Program were involved in numerous activities with the P.A.L. preschool children, including programs to build parenting skills, fire safety units, and cooperative initiatives with the H.U.G.S. organization.

In the English Department, Rachel LeBlanc won the department's 1999 Poetry Slam contest, while Kevin Greer won honorable mention in this year's Rodman Ford essay contest. To encourage writing across the curriculum, students focused on writing assignments from other disciplines in addition to those assigned by their English teachers. Grade 7 and 8 students researched areas related to South America, and worked on an interdisciplinary unit using elements of science, math, social studies, and art to enrich John Steinbeck's novel, The Pearl. Grade 9 students worked on interdisciplinary units with the social studies classes on the French Revolution, and sophomores prepared for the rigors of the writing requirements of the MCAS exam. Students in grades 11 and 12 collaborated with grade four classes on music units that culminated in performances by each group for the other. Twelfth grade students also wrote, directed and produced segments of Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, and had the opportunity to view a showing of Hamlet.

In Physical Education, participation was excellent in the high school interclass volleyball tournament and the faculty/student volleyball and wiffleball competitions. The junior high school ran two golf tournaments for the students. Also, five hundred and forty students took part in the junior high school's "Muscato Mile" in the spring. The elementary schools sponsored a very successful "Jump Rope for the Heart Association" fundraiser, and individual school track meets and spring field days brought together the student, staff and parent volunteer communities.

Seventeen secondary science students earned college credit by participating in the rigorous MCET Satellite interactive program through the University of Massachusetts, while students also competed in the State Science Olympiad competition. Students participated in the annual state Envirothon and collected awards in several categories, while grade twelve physics classes worked in teams with Lego-Dacta equipment to design a robot that acts independently to quickly and efficiently remove identified objects from a circular area.

The following Industrial Technology students received personal recognition for their craftsmanship and work ethic: Architectural Drafting - Daniel Alves; Technical Drafting - Jeffrey Kayce; Engineering Graphics - Alexa Ready; Wood Technology - Charles Penney and Ryan Anderson; Power Technology - Mark Bednarski; Metal Technology - Charles Penney; Overall Excellence - Mark Beatty and Dave Midura.

Students were quite active in the Future Business Leaders of America program, with Stephanie Rochel elected as President of the Massachusetts Chapter and Christine Rochel elected as the Massachusetts State Reporter. Also, Jenna Wilbur, Stephanie Rochel, George Aronstein, Brian McLaughlin, Dave Cleary, Alexa Dunne, Charlotte Dunne, Jen Willis and John Howard all won awards in statewide competition.

Elementary school students continued to achieve and find success in a variety of forums. Among the areas to be highlighted are the following: the outstanding projects displayed in the elementary school invention conventions, with grade 5 winners including Justin Mantell, Jeffrey Louko, and Erin Sheehan; the success shown in the New England Math League, where Jesse Erico tied for first place in the Barnstable-Bristol region and Zack Langway achieved second place in Bristol County competition and ranked third in the Barnstable-Bristol region; the opportunity to participate in the grade 5 and 6 National Geography Bee, in which Zakary Nolen was a first place winner; participation in the Johns Hopkins Talent Search, and the accomplishments of the Future Problem Solving Teams; student participation in the social competency programs; the DARE Program and World of Difference curriculum; and, individual school programs for students such as the science olympiad, poster contests, school stores, student newsletters and newspapers, artists-in-residence, family math nights, reading incentive programs, and citizen of the month recognition.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Teachers in the elementary schools participated in workshops, mini-courses, and graduate courses on a number of topics, including the following: Using Graphic Organizers; Accessing the Internet as a Research Tool in the Classroom; Using the Internet as a Teacher Resource; CPR; First Aid & Safety; Study Skills; Reading Comprehension; Comprehension Strategies - Visualizing and Verbalizing; GradeBook; A Classroom of Difference; Social Competency; Teaching with Terrariums; Understanding Teaching I; Instructional Strategies for Mixed Ability Classrooms; Hyperstudio; Using the Quick Cam Digital Camera as a Teaching Tool; Developing Web Pages with Claris Home Page.

At the secondary level, professional development initiatives focused on a number of topics, including the following: Interdisciplinary Unit Planning; Accessing the Internet as a Research Tool in the Classroom; Using the Internet as a Teacher Resource; Study Skills; Integrating Technology into Interdisciplinary Units; Windows '98 and Microsoft Office; Using Powerpoint for Classroom Presentations; Peer Mediation; Facing History and Ourselves; Understanding Teaching I; Instructional Strategies for Mixed Ability Grouping; Hyperstudio; Basic Videography; Using Open-Ended Assessment Tasks to Evaluate Learning.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT/ACTIVITIES

At the elementary school level, Vanessa Rizzi, Michelle McParland and Dr. Mary-Ellen Toscano participated in a week long summer institute sponsored by the Department of Education that focused on the use of scoring procedures and the scoring of the long composition component of the MCAS.

Staff at the Moreau Hall School, thought the coordination of principal Bob Smith, dedicated the Moreau Hall Reading Garden in honor of retired principal Sarah Gallahue.

Chris Margulies worked with staff members throughout the school district on professional development, the creation of technology and curriculum guides, the continuation of the technology club at the high school, technology troubleshooting in the various school buildings, and coordination of technology efforts in the Richardson and Olmsted schools.

At the Center School, Dr. Mike Green moved from his principal's position into the role of Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, while Donna Eno was chosen as the new Center School principal.

Kristen Maffeo, SPED teacher at the Richardson School, completed her Master's Degree in the area of Instruction, with a specialization in literacy. Carol Porter was chosen as Easton's Lions Club Educator of the Year, and also completed her Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction, with a specialization in integrating arts into the curriculum.

As a result of the retirement of F.L. Olmsted principal Dr. Andrew Miller, Gary Mazzola was chosen as the new principal of the Olmsted School. Mr. Mazzola also received the national 1999 Earth Action Humanitarian Award as a result of his work in improving student relationships and environmental programs.

Nancy Hauck, Ann Foresman-Morse and Mary Jo McLaughlin launched the Early Childhood Tech Prep program. This new collaborative initiative between the preschool program at Parkview School and the Oliver Ames High School began operation in September, 1999.

Upon the retirement of long-time high school principal Duncan Oliver, Wesley Paul was chosen as the new principal of the Oliver Ames High School.

Also at the secondary level, English Department staff member Jamie Vitonis completed work for his Masters Degree in English, while English teacher Pat Steiner completed her Master's Degree in English Literature and was involved in a Collaborative Teacher Externship sponsored by Massasoit and Bell Atlantic. Caroline Paulino served as co-advisor for A.C.C.T., a group of high school students who won the Team Harmony Award in the state for the program they developed for fourth graders on racism. Oliver Ames students competed with 10,000 other Massachusetts high school students for this coveted award, which was presented during ceremonies at the Fleet Center.

Members of the Guidance Department were involved in numerous activities and endeavors, including Amy Meehan, co-advisor of the junior high school Student Council; Maureen Sherback, advisor to the Peer Assistant Leaders and to the HANDS initiative; Fran Yung, co-advisor to the high school Peer Mediation Program; and Birute Silvia, who was reelected as liaison between the Massachusetts School Counselors' Association and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Charlene Dalrymple continued to direct the Chorus at Stonehill College, was soloist at the Cathedral of Holy Cross and was guest conductor for the Pioneer Valley Music Festival. Doug Anderson completed his ninth year as Massachusetts Coordinator of the National High School Honors Orchestra, and served as guest conductor of the ASTA and NSOA Camp at Amherst College. Carol Porter led the Unity Treble Chorus at Unity Church in Easton and directed the Olmsted/Richardson production of "Cyberkids" in May, while Steve Conant was brass instructor and Drum Major for the Light Brigade Senior Drum and Bugle Corps.

Marie Annunziato of the Science Department received a grant from the Department of Education to pursue National Board Certification in Science, while she also worked with Kasi Lundberg to share the role of Science Team coach, and with Karen Yung to co-teach the very successful Envirothon Team. In the Business Department, Jean Churchil served as advisor to the Massachusetts FBLA organization, the LEO Club, and the American Technology Honors Society. Also, Wendy Lopriore served as facilitator of technology at the junior high school and was responsible with Jim Morrison of the Social Studies Department for developing and implementing a curriculum that is researching and preparing a multi-media presentation on the Holocaust.

Members of the Social Studies Department were active in a number of student activities. Eveline Johnson and Debbie Salisbury were again the Student Council Advisors, Bruce Field advised the Hockomock Senate Program, Ellen Simmons coordinated the Washington, D.C. Close-Up Program, Bryan McSheffrey coordinated the National History Day initiative and coached the junior high school Mock Trial team, and Ed Hands coached the high school's Mock Trial and Academic Bowl Teams. In addition, Mr. Field served as President of the South Shore Council for Social Studies.

Fran Ialenti, World Languages Department chair, was invited to participate in a Sachem grant at Stonehill College. In addition to coursework completed and seminars attended by other department members, Ron Riley completed his Master's Degree at the Cambridge College and traveled to Madrid, Spain to update his collection of Spanish artifacts.

Through the Industrial Technology Department, all repairs on equipment and furniture were done under the direction of Mr. Mack and his students. Also, staff members in the

department completed a number of courses for professional improvement, including coursework on engine troubleshooting and maintenance, technology, and motivational techniques.

Ann Foresman-Morse was inducted into the Northeast Women's Hall of Fame, recognizing her many contributions to girls and women's sports. Kathy Kenney, Library and Media chair, continued to make use of several new technologies including a CD-ROM tower for text-based research that facilitates electronic retrieval of information, distance learning via satellite, internet access, and participation in the Regional Library System.

The Easton school nurses enhanced health offerings through active membership with the Brockton School Department's coalition of school nurses. The Easton school nurses also implemented an emergency handicap evacuation plan for school buildings with the Easton Fire Department, and again co-sponsored the Mother-Daughter and Father-Son evenings with the Health Education Department.

CURRICULUM/TECHNOLOGY

The Curriculum Coordinating Council, under the direction of Dr. Judith Frederick, Assistant Superintendent, continued its emphasis on aligning the Easton Public Schools curriculum with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. Nine standing curriculum committees are working under the direction of the coordinating council: Science, co-chaired by Gary Mazzola and Ellen Russell; Math, co-chaired by Dr. Mary-Ellen Toscano and Gregory Chapman; English/Language Arts, co-chaired by Donna Eno and Joan Nicholaides; Health, chaired by James Mitchell, Kathy Kelly and Elaine Clement-Holbrook; Technology, co-chaired by Chris Margulies and Jean Churchill; Physical Education, chaired by Ron Trinquet; Social Studies, co-chaired by Margaret Lynch and Edmund Hands; World Languages, co-chaired by Fran Ialenti and Robert Smith; and the Arts, co-chaired by Judith Yankopoulos and Doug Anderson.

New curricula, developed by the standing curriculum committees and approved by the Curriculum Coordinating Council and the Easton School Committee, have been implemented in the following areas: Physical Education, Grades 7-12; American Studies, Grade 8; Physics; Forensic Science; Science Team; and Keyboarding I and II. The Early Childhood Tech Prep program was also established at the high school.

In the spring, 1999, students in grades 4, 8, and 10 participated in the second administration of the MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System) testing program. Following the release of the results in the beginning of December, parent seminars were held to disseminate the information and to discuss improvement strategies.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Oliver Ames Athletic Department won the Val Muscato Trophy for the first time since 1983. Our athletic teams finished with the highest winning percentage in the nine team Hockomock League. The students, coaches, administrators and parent volunteers are very proud of this accomplishment.

At Oliver Ames more than 50% of all high school students participated in an athletic activity, with nearly 25% participating in music or drama.

A number of the varsity sports teams were extremely successful this past year. The girls soccer team won the State Championship for the second straight year, and Oliver Ames High School won Hockomock League titles in girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, boys

track and boys cross country. The boys soccer team advanced to the quarterfinals of the state tournament, while the boys cross country team captured their State Class Meet and finished third in the State Championship Meet. The girls field hockey team advanced to the second round of the State Tournament, and the boys golf team placed second in the State Championship Match.

A significant number of Easton athletes were selected to league all-star teams and recognized by area media outlets. At the completion of the fall season, the Boston Globe in its fall All-Scholastic section recognized Sarah Comeaux as Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Also named to the All-Scholastic Team were Seth Clark, soccer and track; Matt Katz, golf; Lamarr Monterio, football; Erica Anderson, basketball; and Andy Powell, Chris Ventresco, Steven Santoro, track.

In addition to the varsity sports teams, students had the opportunity to participate in 9 junior varsity programs, 4 freshman programs and 5 programs at the Easton Junior High School. Programs completely supported by outside funding groups included the freshman field hockey team and the ski team.

The Easton community and various booster groups again made significant contributions to our athletic program, helping to purchase new uniforms and to sponsor end-of-the-year awards banquets. The student athletes and coaches of the Easton Public Schools are again extremely appreciative of the financial and fan support provided by the community.

CONCLUSION

The last year was certainly a time of significant change and transition within the school system. While we continue to be concerned about resources for the expectations that we have for ourselves and our increased student population, we also continue to be grateful for our many blessings. We appreciate the support of the School Parent Advisory Councils, School Councils, the various booster groups, and F.E.E.E.; the hard work and dedication of the School Committee; and, the excellent and cooperative working relationships among all the members of the entire staff as well as between the schools and the town.

Respectfully submitted,

William Simmons
Superintendent of Schools

1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Easton School Committee is pleased to submit the following report to the citizens of Easton.

In April's annual town election, incumbent William Braun was re-elected for a second three-year term, and incumbent Caroline O'Neill was re-elected to serve a third term on the Committee.

The school system's proposed budget of \$18,989,785 for Fiscal Year 2000 was approved by Town Meeting in June. This represented a 5.76 per cent increase over the FY99 budget. At the November Special Town Meeting, an additional \$260,000 was appropriated for the School Department, bringing the total budget to \$19,249,785. The funding increase was used to add a few positions to accommodate growing enrollment; to address increased tuition and transportation costs in special education; to fund higher health insurance premiums for employees; and to implement new and revised curricula consistent with the state Curriculum Frameworks. Several proposed initiatives, such as the introduction of a foreign language at the elementary level or expansion of the Project Early Program, have been put on hold until a source of funding can be identified.

During 1999, there were a number of changes in the system's administrative staff. Longtime Oliver Ames High School Principal Duncan Oliver stepped down and was replaced by Wesley Paul. Assistant Principal Suzanne Rivard retired as well, and Guidance Counselor William Sullivan took over as second-in-command at the high school. Andrew Miller, principal of the F. L. Olmsted School, retired after 23 years with the Easton Public Schools, passing the baton to Gary Mazzola. Although John Walsh, former Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, officially retired in November of 1998, he continued in his role until January 1999. Michael Green was appointed to that position in July, leaving the top post at Center School. Former Moreau Hall Principal Sarah Gallahue graciously came out of retirement to fill in at Center until a permanent principal could be found. In November, Superintendent of Schools Dr. William Simmons selected Donna Eno as the new principal of Center School. Special thanks are extended to Athletic Director James Mitchell and to Michael Green for the months they spent doing two jobs in order to cover the Administrative Assistant's role. Our sincere appreciation is extended as well to Sarah Gallahue, whose love of the Easton Public Schools led her to take on a particularly challenging task during a crucial period for Center School. Also, we convey our continued best wishes for a lengthy and gratifying retirement to Duncan Oliver, Suzanne Rivard, and Andrew Miller.

As anticipated, a record number of classroom teachers and other professional staff retired during 1999, reflecting a trend in school systems nationwide. Our genuine gratitude and very best wishes for the future are extended to: Beatrice Clem, Toulia Demetriades, Kareen Gilbert, Donald ("Doc") Harrison, Denise King, Edward Lemish, Karla Moline, Katherine Mooney, Rosemary Moore, Priscilla Olson, Robert Pratt, David Ryan, and

Stephen Trombly. Collectively, these individuals represent literally decades of devoted service to the schoolchildren of Easton.

While this was a year of many fond farewells, it was also a year in which we welcomed a number of enthusiastic new recruits to our professional ranks. A lengthy and sometimes arduous selection process yielded an outstanding and diverse group of candidates, who are now bringing their own special skills and unique teaching styles to our classrooms.

Many members of our staff engaged in a variety of activities designed to enhance their own instructional skills and to bring new ideas and resources into the classroom. Several teachers, for example, completed requirements for their Master's Degrees. Others attended institutes and workshops, participated in curriculum review and development, or designed and carried out special programs or field trips for and with students. A number of individuals received awards or other special recognition on the local, state, or regional level. Particularly noteworthy was the selection of Assistant Superintendent Dr. Judith Frederick by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board to participate in the Administrative Exchange Program. The Fulbright Program is a well-known, extremely prestigious educational exchange program that is sponsored by the U.S. Information Agency. Through the program, Dr. Frederick has been partnered with Mr. Clive Rowles, the principal of a top-ranked high school in the United Kingdom. In the fall, Mr. Rowles spent six weeks with the Easton Public Schools, gathering information about our instructional program and sharing experiences, ideas, and innovations from his own system. Early next year, Dr. Frederick, in turn, will spend six weeks in Reading, England, where she will engage in a similar creative exchange in Mr. Rowles' school district.

An ongoing challenge for the School Committee has been the continuing decline in per pupil expenditures relative to other school districts in the state. Because of a significant (from our point of view) flaw in the Education Reform funding formula, Easton has not received an equitable share of the additional state aid for local schools that was appropriated under the Reform Act. Despite extensive lobbying by members of the Committee, and despite the fact that both our own legislators and key personnel at the Department of Education and the Department of Revenue have agreed that the current formula is unfair to Easton, no adjustment has yet been made by the Legislature. The School Committee and other town officials will continue to bring this problem to the attention of those who may be involved in developing the formula that will eventually replace the current one. In the meantime, the Committee will also intensify efforts to identify other sources of funding and to determine the most efficient and thoughtful allocation of available resources.

Even without the enhancements that adequate funding would provide, our students have continued to excel in every possible area, including academics, athletics, and the arts. Certainly, the extraordinary efforts of our administration and staff have played a major role. However, the system also has been blessed with an unusually large and dedicated group of volunteers whose work has allowed us to provide a far richer program than would otherwise be possible. For example, the local educational foundation (F.E.E.E.—

Foundation for Excellence in Education in Easton) raised over \$39,000 in 1999. This money was used to fund a number of mini-grants for teachers who designed and implemented original educational projects, as well as for the purchase of computer hardware and software. The School Councils in all seven schools, each composed of volunteer parents, teachers, and other community members, devoted countless hours to the development of individual School Improvement Plans. The parent advisory councils (PACs) in each building raised substantial funds for curriculum enrichment programs. A number of parents and other individuals in the community spent time in classrooms on a regular basis giving extra help to students. Members of the Police and Fire Departments continued to provide a uniquely positive presence in our schools. The School Committee is profoundly grateful to all of those individuals who contribute their talents, their hard work, and, most important, their time to assist in the critically important task of educating our children.

Early in the fall, the School Committee embarked on an important new initiative. During several regular and workshop meetings, a framework was established for the development of a long-term strategic plan for the Easton Public Schools. In the year ahead, individuals representing a wide variety of “stakeholders” will be recruited to help us identify key components of our program that should be addressed in the upcoming five years. The process of formulating a strategic plan for the school district is expected to take at least a year, but once such a plan is in place, it is anticipated that it will be of enormous help in guiding our decision-making. The members of the Committee are excited at the prospect of further engaging the community in our efforts to create an even stronger system.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline S. O’Neill, Chair
Lennart K. Altieri, Vice Chair
William P. Braun
Marc R. Brockman
William J. Flynn, III

**1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**
Ralph Armstead, School Committee Member

Southeastern offers 21 high school technical training programs and seven technical institute post-secondary programs. On October 1, 1999, 1,156 students were enrolled in the high school and 125 students were enrolled in the technical institute.

Easton's share of the total FY2000 \$4,699,456 assessment represents 68 students at a total cost of \$256,170.

Southeastern Regional continues to receive grants from a variety of state and federal sources that augment local funds to improve and expand the education services we provide. Southeastern receives funds from federal programs such as IDEA-Special Education Entitlement, Special Education-Supporting Access to the Curriculum, Title I-Safe and Drug Free Schools, Perkins-Occupational Education Vocational Skills and Tech Prep. Commonwealth of Massachusetts grants for Health Protection, Essential Skills and Technical Training provides for improved instruction. Southeastern's collaboration with MY TURN provides students with increased school to career and English acquisition activities.

Twenty-one new faculty were appointed this year. This occurred due to retirements and some teachers returning to the trades.

Emphasis was placed on reading and writing components to bolster basics in order to improve on MCAS scores. The faculty has begun work on revamping curriculum for better alignment with Massachusetts Frameworks. The director and academic supervisor have created a parent focus group that is comprised largely of freshman class parents to discuss issues relative to how students adjust to high school and how some state mandates have a direct affect on them. These meetings are held once a month in the high school.

In June of 1999, the high school graduated 201 students. Placement records indicate that 90% of the Class of 1999 were placed in full-time jobs or had elected to further their education.

The district has invested heavily in new textbooks for all students in all programs. World History is being taught for the first time as mandated by Education Reform.

Several technical programs moved into newer locations. The Electrical Shop was retrofitted with wiring and mock-up posts in the former masonry building. A new classroom and office suite was constructed in the Health Service shop. A state-of-the-art security system has been installed in and around the facility, including a new reception area in the front lobby. Many projects around the district are currently under way with the extension to the garage at the D.P.W. of Easton, and extensive work to the stage at

Southeastern. Students and faculty of the House Carpentry and Electrical programs have completed most of these jobs. Sheet Metal Fabrication was added to the welding program to encompass all aspects of metal fabrication. Enrollments are expected to climb this year

Enrollment in Skills USA/VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America), DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) and other student organizations has increased as we are looking for a very competitive year ahead where Southeastern students will be recognized for many outstanding achievements. The officers of the National Honor Society, along with their advisor, attended a four-day leadership conference in Washington, DC, in October.

Advisory Committee members met in October to discuss each program at Southeastern. Additional meetings are scheduled for the early spring.

Southeastern is committed to opening up greater communication between itself and the alumni.

Several new buses have been added to Southeastern's bus fleet. More diesel buses will be required over the next several years to replace older gas models.

This year twenty-one exchange students from Northern and Southern Ireland participated in a ten-week program with Southeastern students. Many of the Irish students stayed with families in the district and were placed in trades they were enrolled in at their home schools. This exchange has occurred three times during the past six years with the "Wider Horizons" foundation of Ireland. This function helps promote learning and good will to all the students involved.

The Southeastern Boys' Soccer team was ranked #1 in Mayflower League standings this year.

The Southeastern Technical Institute began a new computer course for seniors. This course met with such great success that a second course was added. We will continue to offer this course as long as there is an interest. Southeastern is committed to expanding its evening school to meet the educational needs of the community.

The Technical Institute continues to work with area businesses to develop customized training programs that will address the training issues of their workers.

Finally, on a sad note, the Southeastern Regional School District lost long-time committee member, Thomas W. Devine, of Brockton. Mr. Devine was a colorful member of the school committee for over twenty-five years. He will be missed.

**Report of the Town Collector
Schedule of Taxes and Water Rates
for the Year Ending June 30, 1999**

	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 1998	Commitments	Abatements Adjustments & Disclaimers	Transfers To Tax Title	Taxes in Litigation	Collections, Net of Refunds	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 1999
Personal Property							
1993	37		21				16
1995	3,250		2,118			75	1,057
1996	659		100			43	516
1997	2,316		1,866			(353)	803
1998	4,897		1,804			1,524	1,569
1999		305,898	421			301,992	3,485
Totals	\$11,159	\$305,898	\$6,330	\$0	\$0	\$303,281	\$7,446
Real Estate							
1997	(91)					594	503
1998	235,555		24,292	60,754		171,203	(20,694)
1999		21,354,235	102,669	120,966		20,886,649	243,951
Totals	\$235,464	\$21,354,235	\$126,961	\$181,720	\$0	\$21,058,446	\$223,760
Motor Vehicle Excise							
1986	17,962					49	17,913
1987	21,733		18			63	21,652
1988	28,144		23			538	27,583
1989	26,264					20	26,244
1990	23,386		83			101	23,202
1991	16,457					472	15,985
1992	12,956		103			543	12,310
1993	12,918					391	12,527
1994	13,695					1,016	12,679
1995	12,493					1,597	10,896
1996	16,904		19			4,352	12,533
1997	38,279	2,349	1,361			24,418	14,849
1998	159,345	262,007	34,437			356,718	30,197
1999		1,905,645	72,422			1,643,652	189,571
Totals	\$400,536	\$2,170,001	\$108,466	\$0	\$0	\$2,033,930	\$428,141
Water Rates and Services							
	\$135,120	\$2,042,885	\$246,056			\$1,787,991	\$143,958

**Report of the Town Collector
Receipts
July 1, 1998 To June 30, 1999**

Taxes collected for	1999	22,866,923.22
Taxes collected for	1998	597,531.55
Taxes collected for	1997	26,360.58
Taxes collected for	1996	4,394.71
Taxes collected for	1995	1,671.58
Taxes collected for	1994	1,016.04
Taxes collected for	1993	390.93
Taxes collected for	1992	542.92
Taxes collected for	1991	472.31
Taxes collected for	1990	100.93
Taxes collected for	1989	20.00
Taxes collected for	1988	537.81
Taxes collected for	1987	62.50
Taxes collected for	1986	49.17
Water Liens Collected		56,567.07
Water Betterments Collected		5,454.57
Committed Interest Collected		12,619.95
Penalties and Interest on Taxes and Liens		134,645.63
Water Betterment releases		90.00
Trailer Park Fees		13,176.00
Certificates of Municipal Liens		42,101.00
Ambulance Fees		326,908.76
TOTAL		24,091,637.23

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia M. Curry
Town Collector

Report of the Treasurer
July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999

<i>Bank Accounts</i>	<i>Balance June 30, 1998</i>	<i>+Receipts</i>	<i>-Payments</i>	<i>Balance June 30, 1999</i>
<i>Cash - includes general fund, capitol projects, special revenues, enterprise funds, and agency funds</i>	8,564,437.00	54,322,074.01	53,610,340.91	9,276,170.10
 <i>Trust Funds</i>				
<i>Stabilization Fund</i>	374,025.94	11,243.47	20,000.00	365,269.41
<i>Conservation Fund</i>	1,127,470.70	516,807.33	65,873.72	1,578,404.31
<i>Unemployment Compensation</i>	78,799.57	0.00	4,099.33	82,898.90
<i>Pension Reserve Fund</i>	555,560.74	26,753.03	50,000.00	532,313.77
<i>Galloway Farm Agency Account</i>	10,747.22	338.89	11,086.11	0.00
<i>Police Forfeiture Account</i>	8,716.37	2,577.35	0.00	11,293.72
<i>Law Enforcement Trust Fund</i>	9,782.13	0.00	900.00	8,882.13
<i>Mary Stone Library Fund</i>	5,833.13	291.18	0.00	6,124.31
 <i>Scholarship Funds</i>				
<i>Ellen Atwood</i>	2,181.59	103.29	200.00	2,084.88
<i>Parker-Ames</i>	104,120.44	21,142.33	4,000.00	121,262.77
<i>Mary A. Stone</i>	6,201.52	302.52	250.00	6,254.04
<i>World War Memorial</i>	51,259.45	2,926.69	3,206.95	50,979.19
<i>Young</i>	3,104.91	152.17	100.00	3,157.08
 <i>Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds</i>				
<i>Furnace Village Cemetery</i>	21,515.53	1,071.13	1,000.00	21,586.66
<i>Pine Grove Cemetery</i>	3,649.14	181.58	200.00	3,630.72
<i>Immaculate Conception</i>	7,565.33	376.49	400.00	7,541.82
<i>South Easton</i>	9,875.90	491.55	500.00	9,867.45
<i>Town Cemeteries</i>	16,014.32	799.36	0.00	16,813.68
 <i>Total Cash</i>				<u><u>12,104,534.94</u></u>

Report of the Treasurer
Debt Statement
June 30, 1999

Long Term Debt Inside the Debt Limit	Outstanding July 1, 1998	Issued	-Principal Paid	Interest Paid	=Outstanding June 30, 1999
Buildings					
*Police Addition '88	121,000.00		121,000.00	4,235.00	0
*Police Remodeling '88	1,026,301.69		15,421.69	49,528.36	1,010,880.00
TOTAL	1,147,301.69	0	136,421.69	53,763.36	1,010,880.00
Dept. Equipment					
Computer '92	20,000.00		5,000.00	907.50	15,000.00
'97 Capital Budget	240,000.00		60,000.00	12,540.00	180,000.00
Police Comm. Equip '97	177,600.00		44,400.00	9,279.60	133,200.00
TOTAL	437,600.00	0	109,400.00	22,727.10	328,200.00
School Buildings					
Center School Roofs	90,000.00		30,000.00	3,825.00	60,000.00
Four School Roofs	975,000.00		100,000.00	51,250.00	875,000.00
School Renovations '94	185,000.00		30,000.00	9,722.50	155,000.00
School Repairs '97	203,200.00		50,800.00	10,617.20	152,400.00
*New School '97	20,970,000.00		210,000.00	1,343,563.35	20,760,000.00
TOTAL	22,423,200.00	0	420,800.00	1,418,978.05	22,002,400.00
School All Other					
*School Sidewalks '97	218,500.00		92,500.00	12,574.00	126,000.00
TOTAL	218,500.00	0	92,500.00	12,574.00	126,000.00
Other Inside Debt					
Road Repairs '94	430,000.00		90,000.00	22,400.00	340,000.00
Dam Const. 6-1-97	80,000.00		20,000.00	4,180.00	60,000.00
Land '97	568,400.00		31,600.00	28,587.60	536,800.00
Dam Const. 12-15-97	255,000.00		55,000.00	19,582.99	200,000.00
Conservation Land '97 (70.5%)	644,455.10		37,985.40	32,432.65	606,469.70
TOTAL	1,977,855.10	0	234,585.40	107,183.24	1,743,269.70
SUB-TOTAL Inside Debt	26,204,456.79	0	993,707.09	1,615,225.75	25,210,749.70

*Proposition 2 1/2 Exempt

**Report of the Treasurer
Debt Statement
June 30, 1999**

<i>Long Term Debt Outside Debt Limit</i>	<i>Outstanding July 1, 1998</i>	<i>+Issued</i>	<i>-Retired</i>	<i>Interest Paid</i>	<i>=Outstanding June 30, 1999</i>
Landfill	87,000.00		87,000.00	3,045.00	0
TOTAL	87,000.00	0	87,000.00	3,045.00	0

Water

<i>Water Bonds '88</i>	42,000.00		42,000.00	1,470.00	0
<i>Well, Pumping Station '92</i>	300,000.00		30,000.00	15,825.00	270,000.00
<i>Water Bonds '92</i>	200,000.00		20,000.00	10,550.00	180,000.00
<i>Water Bonds '94</i>	230,000.00		45,000.00	12,130.00	185,000.00
<i>Water Mains '94</i>	415,000.00		45,000.00	21,897.50	370,000.00
<i>Water Mains '97</i>	403,180.00		46,820.00	20,067.84	356,360.00
<i>Water Bonds Refunding</i>	303,698.31		4,578.31	14,703.73	299,120.00
<i>Land(29.5%)</i>	269,664.90		15,894.60	13,571.11	253,770.30
TOTAL	2,163,543.21	0	249,292.91	110,215.18	1,914,250.30
SUB-TOTAL Outside Debt	2,250,543.21	0	336,292.91	113,260.18	1,914,250.30
GRAND TOTAL All Debt	28,455,000.00	0	1,330,000.00	1,728,485.93	27,125,000.00

<i>Short Term Debt</i>	<i>Outstanding July 1, 1998</i>	<i>New Debt Issued</i>	<i>- Retired</i>	<i>= Outstanding June 30, 1999</i>	<i>Interest Paid in FY 99</i>
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Bond Anticipation

<i>Library Addition/Renovation</i>		600,000.00		600,000.00	
<i>Water Mains</i>	900,000.00	900,000.00	900,000.00	900,000.00	17,900.00
<i>Freeman Land</i>	550,000.00	550,000.00	550,000.00	550,000.00	10,938.89
<i>Landfill Closure</i>		1,800,000.00		1,800,000.00	
<i>Conservation Land - Poquanticut</i>		150,000.00		150,000.00	
<i>Conservation Land - Elm St.</i>		160,000.00		160,000.00	
<i>Fire Apparatus</i>		675,000.00		675,000.00	
TOTAL BOND	1,450,000.00	4,835,000.00	1,450,000.00	4,835,000.00	28,838.89

ANTICIPATION NOTES

**Report of the Treasurer
Debt Statement
June 30, 1999**

<i>AUTHORIZED and UNISSUED DEBT</i>					
<i>Date of Vote</i>	<i>Article No.</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount Authorized</i>	<i>-Issued -Retired - Rescinded</i>	<i>=Unissued 6/30/1999</i>
1/23/95	9	Police Communications	222,000.00	219,500.00	2,500.00
4/10/95	15	Well & Pumping Station	1,500,000.00		1,500,000.00
11/6/95	2	Conservation-Galloway	775,000.00	327,000.00	448,000.00
4/8/96	7	Library Remodeling	5,000,000.00		5,000,000.00
4/14/97	27	Water Mains	900,000.00		900,000.00
5/11/98	59	Freeman Land	550,000.00		550,000.00
5/11/98	34	Fire Department	675,000.00		675,000.00
5/11/98	40	Water Filtration System	1,000,000.00		1,000,000.00
5/11/98	60	Water Pollution Abatement Trust	200,000.00		200,000.00
4/13/98	20	Rockery Grant (SAN)	64,000.00		64,000.00
11/9/98	17	Landfill Closure	1,800,000.00		1,800,000.00
11/9/98	24	Conservation Land-Poquanticut	150,000.00		150,000.00
11/9/98	25	Conservation Land-Elm St	160,000.00		160,000.00
11/9/98	27	Land- Foundry St	300,000.00		300,000.00
TOTAL AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED DEBT					12,749,500.00

ANNUAL REPORT OF TAX TITLE

Balance - June 30, 1998	647,951.46
Additions:	
Takings through FY "98" Taxes	72,876.94
Subsequent Year "98"	126.07
Subsequent Year "99"	132,982.87
Foreclosure Decree vacated	4,199.56
Deductions:	
Redemptions	247,617.41
Foreclosures	19,931.56
Abatement "93"	237.16
Adjustment to Tax Taking	101.46
Balance - June 30, 1999	590,249.31

Respectfully submitted,

*Cynthia M. Curry
Town Treasurer*

1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit the report of the Town Accountant for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1999, which includes the balance sheet as of that date.

Our audit for the fiscal year was completed by Thevenin, O'Grady & Co., P.C. of 71 Legion Parkway, Brockton, Massachusetts.

I am happy to report the Town's books were closed as of June 30, 1999 in a timely manner. All reports due to the Department of Revenue were submitted within the established timeframes.

The accounting department will continue to improve the quality of financial reporting through programming enhancements to the Mapper financial system. This is an ongoing effort that we will strive to maintain.

I would especially like to thank Elizabeth Morgan and Adilia Collazo for all their hard work and dedication. In addition, I thank all the Town Departments, Boards, Commissions and Committees for their cooperation and support during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy V. Nightingale
Town Accountant

TOWN OF EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP
JUNE 30, 1999

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	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group	Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Debt	
ASSETS							
Cash and cash equivalents	3,903,256	1,418,193	2,934,684	948,518	2,899,884		12,104,535
Investments							-
Investments of deferred compensation							-
Receivables:							
Real estate taxes	223,759						223,759
Personal property taxes	7,447						7,447
Tax liens and foreclosures	748,955						748,955
Water user charges receivable				143,959			143,959
Water liens				7,761			7,761
Betterments				218,366			218,366
Motor vehicle excise and other excise	428,143						428,143
Departmental and other	223,776						223,776
Intergovernmental							-
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(400,165)						(400,165)
Inventory				75,997			75,997
Property, plant and equipment (net)				14,833,971			14,833,971
Due from other funds							-
Amount to be provided for payment of long-term obligations							-
Total Assets	5,135,171	1,418,193	2,934,684	16,228,572	2,899,884	25,464,520	54,081,024

TOWN OF EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP
JUNE 30, 1999

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	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Debt	
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY (DEFICIT)							
Liabilities:							
Warrants and accounts payable	473,287	55,339	246,402	39,584	1,807		816,419
Accrued payroll and withholding	396,965	86,942		8,400			492,307
Anticipation notes payable			4,835,000				4,835,000
Deferred revenue	1,231,913			370,086			1,601,999
Deposits held in custody	103,018	315			69,712		173,045
Other liabilities	29,702						29,702
General obligation bonds				1,660,480		25,464,520	27,125,000
Total Liabilities	2,234,885	142,596	5,081,402	2,078,550	71,519	25,464,520	35,073,472
Fund Equity (Deficit):							
Retained Earnings:							
Municipal Contributed Capital				13,052,499			13,052,499
Reserved:							
Reserved for encumbrances				12,715			12,715
Reserved for continuing appropriations				457,316			457,316
Unreserved				627,492			627,492
Fund Balance:							
Reserved:							
Reserved for encumbrances	87,631						87,631
Reserved for continuing appropriations	1,131,698						1,131,698
Reserved for expenditures	176,500						176,500
Reserved for nonexpendable trust principal					175,805		175,805
Reserved for unexpended exempt debt	2,250						2,250
Reserved for petty cash	200	2,000					2,200
Unreserved:							
Over/under assessments	(16,531)						(16,531)
Snow & ice deficit	(30,358)						(30,358)
Offset receipt deficit	(12,272)						(12,272)
Undesignated	1,561,168	1,273,597	(2,146,718)		2,652,560		3,340,607
Total Fund Equity	2,900,286	1,275,597	(2,146,718)	14,150,022	2,828,365	-	19,007,552
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	5,135,171	1,418,193	2,934,684	16,228,572	2,899,884	25,464,520	54,081,024

REPORT OF ANNUAL AUDIT

The Annual Audit of the Books and Accounts of the Town of Easton for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1999 was made by Thevenin, O'Grady & Company, LLP, Certified Public Accountants. A copy of the report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC
Town Clerk

1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

WATER DIVISION

The Water Division has completed several important projects this year, including the water main installation on Foundry Street, installation and implementation of the SCADA system, and rehabilitation of wells at Wheaton Farm. Land at the end of Baltic Avenue for future wells was negotiated and purchased. A severe drought produced high demand on the system and necessitated a voluntary watering ban.

TREE DIVISION

Despite lack of personnel, the Tree Division continues to replace removed trees with more disease resistant and hardy species. This year we planted in excess of fifty trees, the most visible of which are the beautiful calery pears along Oliver Street. We also continued spraying spraying poison ivy, grinding down stumps from trees removed this year and trimming roadsides.

CENTRAL MAINTENANCE DIVISION

The Central Maintenance Division completed repairs to the Junior High School and the High School authorized by the 1996 annual town meeting, provided ongoing field maintenance including mowing and striping to recreation and school fields, maintained town buildings, and installed a storage building at the D.P.W. for use of the Highway Division and the Central Maintenance Division. They also played a key role in the installation of new playgrounds at Parkview, Center School and Moreua Hall, and assisted the Highway Division in installing the footings for the outdoor basketball court.

Central Maintenance also handled replacement of the gym roof at LSIS and spearheaded a new group purchasing plan for natural gas that will save the Town thousands of dollars in fuel costs over the next several years.

HIGHWAY DIVISION

The Highway Division built sidewalks on Sheridan Street, Oliver Street, Sullivan Avenue, Andrews Street, Mechanic Street and Seaver Street. Key drainage projects were completed on Highland Street, Squantum, and Willow Road. New prestressed concrete caps were installed on the box culvert at Whitman's Brook on Elm Street.

The landfill closure was begun using all in-house personnel. By July the removal of material from the south end to create the retention pond was completed. All grades have been met and the closure is on schedule and within budget.

This year was a light snow and ice winter, with mostly sanding activity.

ENGINEERING DIVISION

The Engineering Division will completed the design plans for reconstruction of the S curve on Depot Street, continued ongoing subdivision and conservation reviews and inspections, finished the layout of Oliver Street, Lothrop Street, Mechanic Street, Elm Street and Main Street, and continued monitoring construction activities.

This report gives me the opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the employees of the DPW, the Selectmen, the Town Administrator and all the other Department heads, without whose assistance and cooperation much of this work could not be done.

Respectfully Submitted
Roger A. Hill, P.E., P.L.S., Director

**1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
HIGHWAY, MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES,
LANDFILL, AND SNOW AND ICE DIVISIONS**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report for the year 1999 for the activities of the following divisions of the Public Works Department: Highway, Landfill, Vehicle Maintenance, and Snow and Ice.

Road reconstruction was done and binder installed on Calvin Road, Marshall Road, Kenneth Road, Pammys Path and Twin Pine Lane. A new drainage system of 500 ft. was installed on Willow Road as well as an overlay of 1½ inches of asphalt. The wearing course was installed on Shagbark Road along with under drains.

Sidewalks and curbing were installed on Seaver Street, Mechanic Street, Andrews Street and Sheridan Street.

On June 30, 1999, the Easton Landfill closed forever. We had a great year for recycling doing 10% more than the previous year. Our newspaper alone did 631 tons. The Highway Department is doing the work to close our landfill saving the towns people thousands of dollars. We are anticipating complete closure by spring of 2000.

In April the Highway Department started the Landfill Closure process. We moved approximately 60,000 cu. yds. of the landfill to the top in order to shape it for sand. Six inches of sand was placed over the entire landfill. A liner was then put in place by a private contractor, followed with another 15 inches of sand, drainage swales lined with filter fabric, and 8 inches of stone around the entire perimeter and on top. A three-acre retention pond was then installed at the rear to control the run off.

As of mid-December we were waiting for bids to be received for the topsoil to finish the project. Weather permitting the project will be complete by springtime.

The men of the DPW who worked diligently late each night as well as Saturdays to expedite this project are to be commended. They are Dave Barrett, Chris Daniels, Joe Malinosky, Bob Meade, Joe Pucillo, Joe Richard, and Alan Viall. Six employees of the Highway Division were assigned to the project on a full time basis leaving only three regular employees, Jack Flynn, Alan Hopkins and the Foreman, Jim Luke to accomplish all the other duties normally performed by this division (i.e sweeping roads, drainage repair, pot holes, berms etc.). All of these men have done an outstanding job.

We assisted the Central Maintenance Division in the installation of two playgrounds, one at Parkview School and one at Moreau Hall. We also installed the basketball court at the high school.

The Vehicle Maintenance Division continues to do an outstanding job maintaining our fleet of 188 vehicles and equipment. All work is being done by just two mechanics, Patrick Neary and Donald Badger.

Last year we had very little snow, but we sanded 24 times, using 800 tons of salt, 2100 tons of sand, and 2400 gallons of liquid calcium.

I would like to thank all of the employees and divisions of the Public Works Department for a job well done and Roger Hill for his guidance and expertise throughout the year. Also Jan Jacobson and Doreen Nelson in the front office for handling concerns of the residents in a professional manner and keeping things running smoothly.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward Jacobson
Highway Superintendent

**1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
TOWN OF EASTON WATER DIVISION**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I respectfully submit the following report and pumping record for the year 1999.

MONTH	GALLONS PUMPED	MONTH	GALLONS PUMPED
JANUARY	50,762,000	JULY	88,687,000
FEBRUARY	45,870,000	AUGUST	79,191,000
MARCH	50,707,000	SEPTEMBER	64,803,000
APRIL	56,936,000	OCTOBER	54,038,000
MAY	73,326,000	NOVEMBER	48,596,000
JUNE	117,791,000	DECEMBER	48,758,000

Total gallons pumped in 1999 – 779,465,000

The greatest amount pumped in one day was 5,148,000 gallons on June 27, 1999.

Total 1999 Precipitation was 51.95 inches.

The Water Division responded to 2,398 service and emergency calls:

Connected 71 new services for a total of 6,583 active services

Replaced 419 meters

Renewed 2 services

Repaired 28 service leaks

Repaired 16 broken water mains

1 - 6" mains 1 - 10" main

13 - 8" mains 1 - 12" main

Replaced 2 hydrants and 8 others were repaired, of which 1 was hit by an automobile.

In 1999, new subdivisions and water main improvements added to our system:

1,075 feet of 6" water mains

6,704 feet of 8" water mains

16 new fire hydrants

We now have a total of 149.06 miles of water mains, 1,281 hydrants and 2,658 valves in our system.

The Water Division read 13,904 meters, prepared and processed the bills for mailing; 4,021 delinquent notices were mailed and 309 final bills were calculated.

A new 8" water main was installed in Calvin Road, replacing an old 6" line. We reconnected all 17 homes to the new water main, which provides a looping system for a new subdivision and provides better fire flows for the entire area.

This completed the eleventh year of our Backflow Prevention Program. Since 1989, we have conducted 234 surveys of facilities to ensure appropriate backflow prevention devices. This year 1 commercial building was surveyed. We have 199 testable devices in the system, 114 double check valve assemblies and 85 reduced pressure zone backflow preventers. This year 282 backflow prevention device tests were performed.

In order to meet the requirements of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, 809 samples were taken for bacteriological analysis

23 samples for lead and copper analysis

6 nitrate analysis

6 nitrite analysis

3 routine analysis

8 secondary contaminants analysis

6 volatile organic compounds analysis

27 microscopic particulate analysis

1600 pH samples

500 chlorine residual tests

On September 13, 1999, three system water samples were confirmed with E-coli bacteria. Chlorine was added to the water system within one hour of notification, and follow up system samples were clean within 3 days. The cause was attributed to the extremely heavy rainfall of 6.31 inches on September 10, 1999. The water has tested safe since the incident and a small amount of chlorine has been added as a safety precaution.

We completed our first leak detection survey, using new digital correlation technology, provided by the firm of Flow Metrix Inc. This system utilizes radio signals between two points, transmitting a frequency spectrum back to a computer, which analyzes the signal and produces a report of that section.

This survey was very productive, picking up 16 leaks amounting to 78 gallons per minute, or 40,996,800 gallons per year saved, with an estimated annual savings of \$138,979.15.

Since the beginning of our Leak Detection Program in 1982, 291 leaks have been located and repaired, saving 862,486 gallons per day or 314,807,390 gallons per year.

This was the sixth year that we conducted our controlled system-wide flushing program, covering the 149 miles of water mains. In April of this year, we were able to expedite the schedule by working several crews for 12 days and nights. This schedule worked very well, causing the least amount of disruption for our customers. We are planning the same for the year 2000. This annual flushing cleans all sediments from the mains and helps to ensure the delivery of safe, clean water to your tap.

The Water Division held its 15th Annual Open House on May 1, 1999, at our office at 417 Bay Road. Our annual water conservation poster contest was the biggest yet. Winners were selected from over 850 third, fourth, and fifth grade students.

On April 17, 1999, we sponsored a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day with an overwhelming turnout of 252 Easton residents. The next collection day is scheduled for April 15, 2000.

On June 22, 1999, we co-sponsored a Lawn Care Seminar with the Town of Sharon, presented by nationally known speaker Mike Walsh of Horticultural Concepts. Videotapes of this seminar are available for loan at our office and the Ames Free Library. Another seminar is planned for Thursday evening, March 30, 2000, in Norton.

Our demonstration Xeriscape garden continues to grow at our office at 417 Bay Road. I would like to invite everyone to stop by to look at the garden perennials, that once established need little or no watering. This year we also added an arbor to the garden, which was donated by Jan Fowler, Marc Sleeper, and Larry Freeman. The Massachusetts Garden Club Federation has selected our garden as part of their year 2000 edition of "Gardens on Tour" on July 12-13. Special thanks to everyone who donated: Jan Fowler, Marie Graca, Paula McNeil, Kevin Paicos, Enis Almquist, Marc Sleeper, Larry Freeman, Heidi Chamberlain, the Easton Garden Club, and Henderson Nurseries.

Last year our pumping rate went up dramatically during the summer months, due to the heavy use of water for outside irrigation. We were forced to enact an outside water ban between 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., along with our odd/even watering restrictions. I can only anticipate a similar situation this year. I urge everyone to adhere to the odd/even watering restriction and continue to educate yourselves on proper lawn maintenance. There is far too much water used for lawn irrigation. Water only in the early morning and 1" of water per week is sufficient. Alternate landscapes with low water demand plantings (Xeriscape) should be considered.

The Easton Water Division Staff gave presentations to the following groups during 1999:

- Trench Safety Training during Safety Week - Oct. 25-29
- Scout Tour of Well #6
- High School Shadow Program - 2/99
- Historical Society - 10/27/99
- 12 NRT Class tours of Well #2
- Oakwood Condominium Board of Directors - 8/19
- 2-Center School Mini-courses
- Plymouth County Water Works Drinking Water Fair - 6/24
- New England Water Works *Consumer Confidence Report* Training - 3/22
- New England Water Works Association *Leak Detection* Training - 8/18
- Seven 9th Grade Science Classes - 1/22/99
- 2nd Grade Class at Moreau Hall - 3/2/99
- New England Water Works Drinking Water Week Workshop - 2/12

- N.E.W.W.A./M.W.W.A. Joint Conference - 4/6/99
- Senior History Class

As Water Superintendent, I was honored by the New England Water Works Association, receiving the ***"Water Works Leadership Award."***

Scott Habelt, System Inspector, and Peg Hannigan, Principal Clerk, were honored at the 50th Anniversary Recognition Night of the Massachusetts Water Works Association. Both received the 1999 ***"Water Works Pride Award"*** given to support staff that have demonstrated extra effort in the Water Works field.

The Division was honored during the year by receiving the Annual Department of Environmental Protection and Massachusetts Water Works Association Second Place Award to a ***"Large Community System Ground Water Source."***

The Environmental Protection Agency also awarded us with the ***"Certificate of Appreciation,"*** for providing information to consumers through public outreach.

New England Water Works Association honored us with the ***"Distinguished Drinking Water Public Involvement Award,"*** for outstanding effort to expand public involvement and education about drinking water.

The American Water Works Association awarded us the ***"Certificate of Commendation"*** in recognition of completing a calendar year without a recordable injury.

The cooperation between all Town Departments is at its highest level. I feel Kevin Paicos, Town Administrator, and Roger Hill, D.P.W. Director, as administrators, deserve credit for this cohesive atmosphere.

The staff of the Easton Water Division deserves special recognition for their positive attitude and team spirit: Shirley Tufts, Peggy Hannigan, Julie Kantrovitz, John Marsh, Raymond Keyes, Richard Buckley, John Fresh Jr., Scott Habelt, Michael Berry, Richard Mueda, Gerry Coletti, and Joshua Ford.

"With Water Works Pride"

Wayne P. Southworth

1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WATER RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION

The Commission met throughout the year as needed.

James D. Mullen Jr. was appointed to another term on the commission.

Items of discussion included:

- Growth Management
- Y2K Preparedness
- Consumer Awareness Regarding Water Conservation
- Chlorination
- Preliminary Appraisal of the Freeman Property Abutting Well #1
- Future Capital Improvements

The commission met with Brian Creedon, Brockton Water Systems Manager, and Frank Perkins, Chairman, Board of Water Commissioners. They made a presentation regarding their plans to conduct test wells, some of which would be in Easton. The commission agreed to send a letter to Easton Water Commissioners recommending that they meet with Brian Creedon and Frank Perkins.

The Water Advisory Commission was directed by the Board of Selectmen/Water Commissioners to comment on a request to supply property in Mansfield with water. The members reviewed the plan and sent a letter to the Board of Selectmen/Water Commissioners suggesting the request be approved only if they comply with Easton Water Department's policy and meet certain criteria.

Throughout the year, Wayne P. Southworth, Superintendent, has met with the Commission to give updates on the Water Division. He has also provided us with printed material throughout the year to keep us informed. We would like to thank him for his continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley E. Tufts, Chair
Bradley W. Lacouture, Clerk
James D. Mullen, Jr.

1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee (C.R.A.A.C.) held 11 meetings during the year. The Committee meets on the first Thursday of each month, in the five towns on the Canoe River – Easton, Mansfield, Norton, Foxborough, and Sharon.

Some of the notable accomplishments and actions of the C.R.A.A.C. included:

- Formally thanking former Senator William Keating for all of the work he has done for the Committee. Mr. Keating was elected District Attorney for Norfolk County after many years as a State Senator. His assistance will be missed.
- Leonard Flynn continued to work on acquiring the 187 acres along Rte. 495 in Norton from the State D.P.W. This land was originally taken by the State when the highway was laid out. It would be an important acquisition.
- After receiving a \$38,500 grant from the Department of Environmental Protection, the C.R.A.A.C. retained the services of Neil Fennessey and students from Univ. of Massachusetts/Dartmouth, to produce a GIS map of the river. Kevin Burlingame-Project Manager, Philip Cordeiro, and James Dymont, presented the Committee with the GIS Project, containing all properties along the Canoe River digitized. Eight CD ROM's and instructions were presented to the Committee.
- Dr. Phil Barske, an Easton representative of the Committee, donated a water aquifer model to the Committee to be used by all of the schools in the five towns. Mr. Barske attends many C.R.A.A.C. meetings and has been a strong supporter
- Pat Rogers, Taunton River Basin Team Leader, appeared before the Committee to discuss an Executive Office of Environmental Affairs grant for a river gauging station to be installed on the Canoe River in Norton.
- Bob Jones organized the 12th Annual Awareness Day, which was held at the Canoe River Campground in Mansfield on Saturday, May 15, 1999. Kerry Mackin, Executive Director of Ipswich River Watershed Association, was the guest speaker.
- Sharon and Easton sponsored a Lawn Care Seminar on June 22, 1999 at the Sharon Community Center with Mike Walsh of Horticultural Concepts. This was a result of the Committee's interest in limiting outdoor water use. Future seminars can be expected.
- The Committee reviewed the issue of rebuilding the Mill Pond Dam in Mansfield.
- Joan Sozio was appointed to serve on the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act Fees Advisory Committee as a member of an environmental organization.

- Jen Carlino, the Norton Conservation Commission Director, is preparing an application for a Riverways Grant to help fund the lawn care seminar planned for March 30, 2000.
- Suzanne Erikson continued working on the possible acquisition of Johnson Acres (57 acres on North Washington Street) in cooperation with the Norton Conservation Commission. This important parcel abuts the river and would make an ideal acquisition as part of the proposed greenbelt project. The Committee strongly supports this action.

The Committee would like to thank Maurice Goulet of the Easton D.P.W., Dick Lewis of the Mansfield Conservation Commission, Jack Hamm, D.E.P. Team Leader, Pat Rogers, E.O.E.A. Team Leader, and Jennifer Carlino, Norton Conservation Commission Director, for all the assistance they have given our Committee throughout the year.

Present Membership

Norton

Susan Mims
Frederick Watson
Suzanne Erikson

Foxborough

Timothy Higgins
Robert W. Boette
Joan F. Sozio

Sharon

Gregory Meister
Patrick Dorcus
Dave Masciarelli

Easton

Phillip Barske
William Hardin
Wayne P. Southworth

Mansfield

Edward Tartufo
Leonard F. Flynn
Robert K. Jones

2000 Meeting Dates

Thursday	January 6	Foxborough Town Hall
Thursday	February 3	Norton Public Library
Thursday	March 2	Mansfield Town Hall
Thursday	April 6	Easton Water Dept.
Thursday	May 4	Sharon Town Hall
Thursday	June 1	Foxborough Town Hall
Thursday	August 3	Norton Public Library
Thursday	September 7	Mansfield Town Hall
Thursday	October 5	Easton Water Dept.
Thursday	November 2	Sharon Town Hall
Thursday	December 7	Foxborough Town Hall

1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON ENGINEERING DIVISION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Major accomplishments of the Engineering Division this year included assistance in closing the landfill, developing plans for the Randall Street and Sheridan Street sidewalks, design of the Depot Street Reconstruction Project, obtaining utility easements for the Main Street STP project, developing an inventory of Unaccepted Streets in Easton, overseeing the construction of the basketball courts at the Oliver Ames High School, and providing engineering input on the MBTA and trash pick-up issues.

In addition, the Engineering Division was instrumental in preparing bid specifications for the new radio towers at the Lothrop Street Police and Fire Stations, developing 5-year roadway, sidewalk, and drainage plans, and completing the Baltic Avenue drainage study.

During the year, the Engineering Division worked on approximately 700 separate actions for the Conservation Commission consisting mainly of the review of Permit Applications, Jurisdictions, Applicability, Compliance's, and violations of the Wetlands Protection Act and Article 29 of Easton's Wetland Protection By-Law. Support to the Planning and Zoning Board this year included over 440 separate actions consisting mainly of the review of subdivision and site plans, preparing street inspection and roadway cost estimates, and site investigations and inspections of subdivisions. In addition, the Engineering Division completed approximately 600 separate actions on DPW and miscellaneous projects not associated with either the Conservation Commission or Planning & Zoning Board.

The Engineering Division thanks the DPW Administrative staff for their cooperation in support of the Engineering Division, and to the Town Planner and the Executive staff of the Planning & Zoning Board and the Conservation Commission for their willing cooperation and excellent work in coordinating the needs of their respective offices with the Engineering Division. In addition, Mr. Robert Dunn and Mr. Maurice Goulet (when assisting the Engineering Division), continue to put out a quality product on time, and their commitment to customer satisfaction is commendable.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER HUIE, P.E.
Town Engineer

1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL MAINTENANCE DIVISION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

The Central Maintenance Division has seen many changes over the past year and many accomplishments.

The major HVAC renovations in the Parkview and Center Elementary Schools are up and operating with minor tuning up for completion.

I was able to obtain a full/proof Electrical Energy savings program through Mun-Energy, which should result in savings near \$100,000.00.

My Natural Gas Specification and Bid saved the town \$ 84,992.00 this past year and I anticipate an additional \$ 4000.00 next year.

I applied for and received confirmation for a \$400,000.00 Grant for the HVAC work in the Parkview and Center Schools. I would like to thank Martha White for all of her help in obtaining this grant.

We revamped the Town Offices heat in the Town Administrator's Office; Room 5 at N.E.G was renovated for the Recreation Department by Manny Mendonca, Steve Guidaboni, Ken Martin and Pete Gagnon, they did a great job as well as Bill Groves and Marty Arthur doing the electrical work and Bruce Morse repairing the heating units.

Alfred Arthur passed the State qualification for Apprentice Electrician and is attending school to obtain his Journeyman's License.

I would like to thank Wayne Southworth, Jack Marsh, Mike Berry, Richard Mueda, Richard Buckley, Scott Habelt, Ray Keyes and John Fresh along with all of the office staff for their assistance to Central Maintenance during a couple of emergencies this past year and their willingness to help the entire year. They are a great asset to the Town of Easton. I would also like to thank Peter Huie, Bob Dunn and Maurice Goulet for their support throughout the year.

A special thanks to the staff of the Central Maintenance Division for their outstanding work. Manny Mendonca, Bruce Morse, Marty Arthur, Ken Martin, Bill Groves and Steve Guidaboni. Thank You!

Dr. Mike Green is our new liaison at the School Department. I would like to thank him for all the support and work we have done this year.

Respectfully Submitted
Richard A. Hayes
Central Maintenance Superintendent

1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I Hereby submit to you the annual report of the Office of the Inspector of Buildings and Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Single Family Dwellings	61
Multiple Family Dwellings	2
Additions-Residential	115
Alterations-Residential	91
New Commercial	5
Additions-Commercial	6
Alterations-Commercial	24
Demolished Buildings	7
Signs	35
Temporary Signs	16
Swimming Pools	41
Roofs	87
Siding	32
Weights and Measures	3
Temporary Tents	54
Earth Removal	2
Wood Stoves	21
Yard Sales	129
Foundations	58
Temporary Trailer	4
Certificate of Inspections	48
Certificate of Occupancy	67

TOTAL 908

TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION \$17,231,200

Total Building Fees Collected \$144,763.80

Total Number of Daily Building Inspections 574

Total Number of Wiring Fees Collected \$29,995

Total Number of Wiring Permits Issued 584

Total Number of Gas Fees Collected \$10,628

Total Number of Gas Permits Issued 299

Total Number of Plumbing Fees Collected

\$22,423

Total Number of Plumbing Permits Issued 364

We would like to acknowledge a special thanks to the Town Office Work Team, the DPW Department including Dick Hayes, Manny Mendonca, Marty Arthur, Bruce Morse, Bill Groves and Steve Guidaboni for their assistance in the total renovation of the Building Department Office.

I would like to give a special thank you to my office team for their assistance and understanding not only during our renovations and transition, but during the entire year. This has been a very busy year in the Building Department and hopefully we have served the citizens of Easton in a timely and efficient manner.

On behalf of the Building Department, we would like to express our sincere thanks to Martyn Lincoln, Town Counsel (retired) for his many years of service to our department. We wish him the very best of health and happiness in his retirement.

Last but not least, I would like to thank all of the Town Department Heads for their support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Wally Fulcher, Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer

1999 REPORT OF THE EASTON PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

This was another active and progressive year for the Planning and Zoning Board. The Board on it's own initiative , as well as, through active participation with the Growth Management Study Committee, continues efforts towards improving the Easton Zoning By Law and it's own Rules and Regulations with the intended purpose of fostering planning which is flexible and sensitive to the social, economic and environmental needs and resources of the community. As part of this process, the Board conducted a total of thirty-seven public hearings and continued public hearings as required by Chapter 40 A, MGL.

In 1999, the Board met a total of twenty-two times on Wednesday nights. At these meetings, the Board addressed two hundred twenty six separate agenda items. Most of these items dealt with the subdivision approval process, as well as, site plan review. In addition, the Board conducted three weekend site meetings at locations of proposed subdivisions as part of it's review process.

Twenty-two "Form A" plans (approval not required) were endorsed. Some of these plans created new lots and others combined existing lots into one.

Nine preliminary subdivision plans were submitted for review. Five received conceptual approval. They include Settler's Notch, Woods Trail, Turner Homestead, Glenn Road Extension and Lone Oaks. This represents thirty-three potentially buildable lots. For the most part, the four preliminary subdivisions that were not approved resulted from failure to comply with the Easton Planning Board Subdivision Rules & Regulations.

Five definitive subdivision plans were submitted for approval of which four received approval. The approved subdivisions included: "Settler's Notch" – 5 lots; "Glenn Road Extension" – 1 lot; "Unity Meadows II" – 2 lots; and, "Tanglewood Estates" – 32 lots. This represents a total of forty potentially buildable lots created on "ways" created under Chapter 41, MGL. Lexington Estates, on Center Street, was the sole definitive subdivision that was denied.

Seventeen site plans were approved in 1999. They were: Easton Country Club- Purchase Street ; Maplewood Country Day Camp; Plot 42 + 43 Belmont Street; 27 Belmont Street; 7 Plymouth Drive; My Brother's Keeper – Belmont Street; Bristol Drive – Proposed Warehouse; Easton Crossing – Washington Street ; 16 Hampden Drive; Bristol Drive – Lot 5 C; 73 Belmont Street; Family Rosary & Pastoral Institute – Washington Street; Sunoco – 710 Depot Street; Easton Cooperative Bank – Foundry Street ; Victoria Place – Washington Street; 135 Belmont Street; and, 187 Washington Street.

Additional time was spent on the following types of business:

1. Public Hearings - Acceptance of Streets
2. Public Hearings - Modification of Previously Approved Definitive Subdivisions
3. Public Hearings - Amendments to the Zoning Map
4. Release of Surety for Completion of Roadways and Related Improvements
5. Recommendations on cases to be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals
6. Evaluating application and review fees paid by the development community for possible modifications
7. Commenting on license renewal applications pending before the Board of Selectmen
8. Providing staff support to the Wastewater Management Study Committee
9. Serving on committees including the Growth Management Study Committee and Capital Planning Committee
10. Participation in the preparation of grant applications
11. Working with developers to complete unfinished roadwork

In closing, it must be stated that the Board is most fortunate to have the top quality staff that the Town has provided. Town Planner Marc R. Rousseau, AICP and Jennifer Ann West, Board Secretary continue to perform exemplary public service. In addition to them, the Planning and Zoning Board expresses its gratitude to the Town Administrator, the Board of Selectmen, the various Town Departments, Boards and Commissions for their cooperation and support, and most importantly, to the citizens of Easton for their support and cooperation as we attempt to perform our statutory responsibilities.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher J. Kone, Chairman
David C. Boch, Clerk
William J. Meehan, P.E.
Mark S. Bartlett, P.E.
Colin W. Gillis

1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

To The Selectmen Town of Easton:

We the members of the Board of Appeals respectfully submit the following annual report for the year 1999.

Twenty-four (24) petitions, comprised of fourteen (14) variances; nine (9) special permits; and one (1) Administrative Appeal were received by the Board of Appeals during the year which in conformity with the law were duly advertised and copies of notices were given to all Town Boards and mailed to all parties of interest as defined in Section 11, Chapter 40A, Mass. General Laws.

In January of 1999 Stephen Pinzari was appointed to the Board to fill the unexpired term of Joseph Derian. In January the Board reorganized electing Paul G. Pino, Chairman; Stephen A. Freitas, Vice-Chairman; and Stephen J. McAlarney, Clerk. In June, 1999, Walter Mirrione was reappointed to the Board and Dr. Michael McCoobery did not seek reappointment. We would like to take this opportunity to formally thank Dr. McCoobery for his dedication and service to the Easton Board of Appeals. With the reappointment of Walter Mirrione, the Board again reorganized electing Paul G. Pino, Chairman; Stephen A. Freitas, Vice-Chairman; and Walter Mirrione, Clerk. In July of 1999, Brian T. O'Neill, Jr. was appointed to the Board, filling the second alternate position vacated by Dr. McCoobery. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome newcomers, i.e., Stephen Pinzari and Brian T. O'Neill, Jr., to the Board.

	Variance	Special Permit	Adm Appeal
Petitions Granted	6	8	
Petitions Denied	3		1
Petitions Withdrawn/Dismissed	3		
To Be Heard/Decided in 2000	2	1	

With the retirement of our Town Counsel, Martyn Lincoln, the Board wishes to formally thank Marty for all of his years of service to and for the Board. We wish him a very happy retirement. Lastly, after three years of dedicated service, our Board Secretary, Susan Heath, shall be leaving us. Both Marty and Susan shall be sorely missed. Thank you to all Town Officials and personnel who provided assistance and service to the Board during the year.

Respectfully submitted
Paul G. Pino, Chairman
Stephen A. Freitas, Vice-Chairman
Walter Mirrione, Clerk
Stephen J. McAlarney
Stephen Pinzari
Paul Mullen, Alternate
Brian T. O'Neill, Jr., Alternate

1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

During 1999, the Conservation Commission held 82 public hearings and 152 continued public hearings under the Wetlands Protection Act M.G.L. Ch. 131, s. 40 and the Easton Wetlands Protection Bylaw, Chapter 227 of the Code of the Town of Easton.

The number of enforcement actions taken by the Commission to resolve violations of the wetlands law has lessened this year. The Commission is grateful to those citizens and organizations which report violations. The Commission treats violations most seriously, and has issued restoration orders and imposed thousands in dollars of fines. The Commission will continue to vigorously enforce the wetlands laws of the Commonwealth and of the Town.

The Commission's open space land acquisition program continues. Acquisitions completed during this year just concluded include:

1. A gift of land from White Craig, Inc. at 210R Prospect Street, consisting of 14.85 acres, which is located to the east of Bay Road and abuts the Wheaton Farm property and is within the Hockomock Area of Critical Environmental Concern.
2. A purchase of land off Misty Brook Lane identified as Parcel A in the subdivision known as Lewis Farms, consisting of 16.27 acres which protects a portion of the Black Brook.
3. A purchase of land from Oliver F. Ames at 254/256 Elm Street, consisting of 28.90 acres, which contains Montes Pond.
4. A gift of land from Douglas A. King at 22 Clara Howard Way, in the subdivision known as Union Village, consisting of 10.813 acres.

In an effort to update the public on the currently owned open space, the Conservation Commission, in conjunction with the Natural Resources Trust of Easton, updated the conservation land and open space map for the town. The map contains land owned by the Town, State and Natural Resources Trust of Easton, along with parking locations. The Commission would like to thank Maurice Goulet for his expertise with the computer and Jan Fowler for her research efforts.

With regards to plans to restore the Flyaway Pond, the Flyaway Pond Study Committee is drafting an Environmental Notification Form to reconstruct the dam to about two-thirds its original height and re-flood the pond area to partially restore 34-45 acres of pond storage.

The Conservation Commission has created a web page on the Internet. At <http://www.brdk.org/concom> information can be found on the Commission's schedule and agenda. Also on the page are links to the text, related laws and regulations. Other links can be found to other town agencies and sites of interest. The Conservation Commission appreciates the efforts of our Member, Barry R. DunKley, in undertaking this time consuming task.

The Commission was pleased to announce the addition of an Associate Member, Patricia Somers, of South Easton. In addition to attending meetings, Patricia is working on a project for the web, which compares the state's wetland law with the Town's wetland bylaw.

We are most fortunate in the top quality staff which the Town has provided for the Commission. Conservation Secretary Janice Fowler, and Engineering Assistant Bob Dunn are the envy of Conservation Commissions throughout the state. In addition to them, the Commission expresses its gratitude to the Town Administrator, the Board of Selectmen, the various Town Departments, Boards and Commissions, and the Natural Resources Trust of Easton, for their cooperation and support, our legal counsel, and most importantly, to the Citizens of the Town of Easton, for their support and cooperation as we attempt to perform our tasks under the law.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael G. Sites, Chairman
Forest E. Henderson, Vice Chairman
John E. Grant
Frederick W. Clark, Esq.
Barry R. DunKley

1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Easton:

In compliance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, it is our pleasure to herewith submit to you a summary of the work done under the Board of Health for the year 1999.

David E. Gardner was elected to a three-year term at the annual election in April. William A. Grimes was elected Chairman. Staff included Director of Public Health Wade D. Saucier, R.S., C.H.O., Assistant Health Director Alan D. Perry, Health Inspector Kristin Kennedy, R.S., Administrative Assistant/Burial Agent JoAnne Pilz, Clerk/Burial Agent Teresa Wooding and Animal/Milk Inspector John D. Melin. Mr. Perry received his Safe Serve certificate in Food Safety this year. Ms. Kennedy received her Certified Pool Operator certificate this year. All staff members attended and completed a safe driving course that was provided by the town. Board members attended certification seminars for Boards of Health. These seminars educate Board members on public health issues and laws. The last seminar attended was December 4, 1999. Mr. Perry resigned his position to pursue a health career for the Town of Raynham.

Public Health nursing services were provided by contractual agreement with Health Care Options, Inc., an affiliate of Community Visiting Nurse Agency of Attleboro. Chris Delano, R.N., the town's contact nurse, provided the Board with excellent service and professional advice throughout the year. The cumulative statistics for the 1999 calendar year are as follows: Total Immunizations, 865 residents. These include influenza immunizations, 791 residents including 15 homebound patients; Hepatitis B clinics for high school seniors and grade 6; Hepatitis B clinics for at risk school staff; Hepatitis B clinic for the Southeastern Regional School District; two general immunization clinics; one clinic at Maplewood Day Camp for regulatory compliance; Mantoux testing, 30 residents and town employees; Lead Level Screening, 0; Health Promotion Clinics, 65 residents; Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Screenings, 201 residents for blood pressure and 35 for blood sugar; Communicable Disease, 35 investigations; Maternal Child, 2 contacts and Free Care, 4 visits. The CVNA also served as the vaccine distribution center to seven providers for the Board of Health and 15 deliveries were made to these local health care providers.

Mandatory Food Handling Education Seminars were required for all licensed food establishments that prepare food for the public. Two seminars were offered by the Board of Health. Ms. Elizabeth O'Donoghue from the University of Massachusetts Extension Program, Plymouth County, conducted the seminars. A total of 97 food service employees attended these seminars.

The Board of Health continued with its septic system repair program for town residents. Martha White, Assistant Town Administrator, administered the program. Eight locations were funded this year.

The Department of Public Health Bureau of Environmental Health Assessment and the Board of Health conducted air quality inspections at Moreau Hall and Parkview School this year. The inspections, per the request of the Board of Health, were made to assure safe environmental conditions for the community's children and teaching staff.

The Wastewater Management Study Committee completed its original charge with recommendations to the Board of Health and Board of Selectmen. Special Town Meeting vote in the fall of 1999 pursued an interest free loan for \$350,000 to hire a consultant to further explore possibilities for a town-wide wastewater management program.

The Board of Health's Tobacco Control Collaborative Program involving the towns of Raynham, Stoughton and West Bridgewater completed its second year. This collaborative, the Southeastern Regional Services Group Tobacco Control Program (SERTO), was administered by Catherine L. Salisbury, Regional Public Administrator, Southeastern Regional Services Group. The collaborative added the City of Taunton to the program increasing the State funded program by \$40,000. In Easton, four compliance checks were performed for a total of 96 inspections. Only three stores were found to be in violation. The staff consists of two part-time health educators, Kristin Holmes and Paula Carroll. The staff is required to educate the public and to perform compliance checks throughout the communities. Paula Carroll resigned to pursue another career. Doreen Eramian was hired as part-time educator for the program.

The rabies epizootic still exists in town. Preventative measures to protect your domestic pets are advised. In the spring of 1999, three rabies clinics were held, one in March, one on April, and one in May, for pet owners to vaccinate their pets. A total of 246 animals were vaccinated. The State of Massachusetts requires that all dogs and cats be vaccinated for rabies.

The Board of Health sponsored a rabies vaccination and booster clinic for first response town personnel. Twenty-three employees showed interest in the clinic. Only one employee received the vaccination treatment.

By Town Meeting vote, \$30,000 was appropriated for the Board of Health to spend on environmental equipment and for monitoring issues as they arise within the community. Such funds were spent on private well water quality testing due to questionable pollution emitting from an existing landfill. Purchasing air quality monitoring equipment was explored for the department's staff use to investigate indoor air quality complaints.

By Town Meeting vote, \$12,000 was appropriated for the Board of Health to renovate its office. The renovation took place from May 12th to May 15th.

In July, the town's landfill was permanently closed. The Board of Health held nine public hearings to discuss future and present options for the town to take in regards to trash removal. The Board supported maintaining privatization for solid waste removal. This also included exploring the idea for private industry to run and maintain a transfer station with recycling and composting operations on town property.

There were 739 permits issued by the Board of Health. The breakdown is as follows: Funeral Directors, 3; Food Establishments, 142; Dumpsters, 141; Disposal Works Installer Permits, 76; Transport Offal, 19; Dumpster Service, 11; Motel/Cabin/Trailer Park, 3; Milk Licenses, 96; Massage Licenses, 21; Caterers, 6; Mobile Food, 2; Swimming Pools, 10; Disposal Works Construction Permits, 183; Tanning Facilities, 1; Tobacco Permits, 24 and Outdoor Facilities, 1.

The office has logged 103 valid complaints from the general public.

The Board of Health met 30 times in public meeting forum this year.

The Board appreciates the cooperation of the various town boards and departments and continues to work closely with the Department of Public Health and the Department of Environmental Protection and other agencies of the Commonwealth.

The Board wishes to dedicate this year's Annual Report to a number of individuals that were instrumental in replacing old non-functioning equipment in the Parkview and Junior High School kitchens. These individuals are; Dr. Michael Green, Assistant Superintendent of Public Schools; Penny Spellberg, Director of Food Services; Richard Hayes, Maintenance Superintendent; Kevin E. Paicos, Town Administrator and the Executive Loss Control Committee. Twenty-five thousand dollars was appropriated for equipment that was in need of repair. Repeated sanitary violations were cited in the kitchens and without immediate funding, hot foods may not have been allowed to be prepared and served to the children. We appreciate the expertise and support that these individuals gave to improve the public health conditions in our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

William A. Grimes, Chairman
Robert J. Kane
David E. Gardner

EASTON BOARD OF HEALTH

1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT

During 1999, 66 veterans or their dependents received assistance through the Veterans' Benefits or the Veterans' Services Programs.

Through the Benefits Program, 15 veterans or dependents were eligible for financial assistance with household expenses and/or medical bills under Chapter 115 of Massachusetts General Laws. This assistance program is open to low income Easton veterans or their dependents who meet the income and asset guidelines that are established by the Commissioner of Veterans' Services. The \$43,019 in veterans' benefits issued by the Town of Easton during FY99 was paid from local appropriation with the State reimbursing the Town for 75% of the veterans' benefits issued. In addition to this Benefits Program, Chapter 115 also provides an annual annuity of \$1,500 to one Gold Star parent and six 100% service-connected disabled veterans. In FY2000, Gold-Star spouses of veterans who either died in combat or whose cause of death was service-connected will be eligible for the annuity. To receive the annual annuity, the Gold Star parent, Gold Star spouse, or 100% service-connected disabled veteran must complete an application that is available through this Veterans' Services Department.

During the past year this veterans' agent assisted 66 families through the Services Program which is open to **all** Easton veterans or their dependents. The Veterans' Agent provided direct service or advocated on behalf of the veterans with various agencies for the assistance needed. Some veterans filed applications or submitted information to the Veterans Administration regarding pensions or compensation claims. A number of veterans needed to obtain a copy of their service separation papers, form DD 214. Others applied for fuel assistance or received help in filing for Social Security, SSI Disability or Mass Health benefits. Some sought help in obtaining property tax exemptions.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, members of the American Legion Post #7, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post # 2547 and the residents of Easton for their continued support of our veterans and this Veterans' Services Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores M. Kent
Veterans' Agent

1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH MILK/ANIMAL INSPECTOR

To the Board of Health and the Citizens of Easton:

I respectfully submit the following report for the year 1999.

MILK INSPECTIONS:

Throughout the year, random checks were made on temperatures and dairy product codes in stores, restaurants, schools and nursing homes. The ideal temperature for storing milk, cream and other dairy products is between 33°F and 40°F. Temperature control is very important in maintaining the quality of dairy products. The average shelf life at the ideal temperature is 10 days. As the temperature increases, shelf life decreases. Storage in a properly refrigerated area along with the correct handling of dairy products will assure a quality product.

One hundred and fifty-two milk and cream samples were taken from restaurants, schools, nursing homes and stores. The samples were tested at the lab for butterfat content, coliform and plate count.

RABIES EPIZOOTIC:

Nineteen animals were submitted to the State lab for rabies examinations. They consisted of 5 cats, 3 dogs, 8 bats, 1 woodchuck, 1 raccoon and 1 fox. We had no positive cases. The rabies virus is still around so we must not let our guard down. Therefore, it is extremely important that your pets are up to date on their rabies vaccinations.

Fourteen domestic pets were confined for wounds of unknown origin. There were twenty-six animal bites consisting of 19 dogs, 3 cats and 4 bats.

There were 240 dead animals; 65 cats, 22 squirrels, 21 deer, 20 opossums, 19 raccoons, 18 dogs, 17 skunks, 12 ducks, 11 foxes, 10 bats, 7 geese, 4 rabbits, 3 coyotes, 2 hawks, 2 woodchucks, 2 turkeys, 1 goat, 1 snake, 1 owl, 1 seagull and 1 blue heron.

ANIMAL INSPECTION:

Cattle; 5 dairy and 47 beef, 46 goats, 2 oxen, 6 sheep, 42 swine, 57 horses, 118 chickens, 18 rabbits, 18 waterfowl and 1 emu.

I would like to thank the members of the Board of Health, Director Wade Saucier, JoAnne Pilz and Teresa Wooding. Thanks also to the Town Administrator, members of the Board of Selectmen, Town clerks, Police, Fire, and Department of Public Works. Your continued support throughout the year is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Melin
Milk/Animal Inspector

1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens of Easton:

The year 1999 proved to be a very successful year for the Easton Recreation. It was a year filled with many activities for children, families and seniors.

The fall season had the beginnings of the Open-Gym Programs that lasted through the winter season. The co-ed Volleyball Program continued to have success running a league schedule comprised of over 60 players.

A fall and summer Tennis Tournaments were held made up by over 20 players who competed for men's and mixed doubles titles.

The Easton Recreation, sponsored trips for families and seniors, most notable a "Disney on Ice" show and a tour of the La Sallet Shrine for the seniors. The department also sponsored a float in the Christmas Parade sponsored by The Easton Lions Club. The Department also had its Annual Senior Barbecue Dinner.

The 1999 T-Ball Program had the greatest number of participants to date. The players marched in The Annual Baseball Parade and were the theme of the Christmas Day Recreation float.

The Town Pool opened in early July due to poor weather conditions, but ended upon having the best season in three years. One again, the pool staff offered children's swim lessons and open swim time in the afternoons to many residents.

The Summer Program included the "Walk in the Park" which was held in The Olmsted School. It provided daily activities for over 60 children.

The "D.A.R.E. Program" was again a tremendous success. There were two sessions with 70 students in each session. The two sessions were held at the Parkview School and Moreau Hall School.

The Recreation Department sponsored the Summer Concerts at Frothingham Park. The concerts were held for eight consecutive Wednesday's, finalized by a "Dale and the Duds" concert with 600 people in attendance.

The summer "Kids Fun Track Meets" were held for eight Thursday's. The ages covered were 2 years to 12 years. The attendance was tremendous, averaging over 200 "Kids". Everyone who ran received a ribbon.

The early part of July brought a new Director, Mr. Donald Edmonston an Easton resident, who hopes to make the Recreation Department more successful, continuing the existing programs and developing new ideas.

The Recreation Department would like to thank the Administration, The Recreation Commission and the volunteers who have given their time to support our programs.

Office hours are Monday 10:00 AM – 8:30 PM, Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 AM – 12 Noon, closed on Friday's.

Sincerely,

Donald J. Edmonston
Recreation Director

Recreation Commission

Stephen Torrey, Chairman
Charles Hammond
John MacDonald
Michael Carey
Mary McCarthy
Frank Spillane
Martin Szumylo

2000 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Easton:

The Historical Commission continues to identify, evaluate and protect Easton's unique historic and archaeological resources. These resources are not only important locally, but are also significant Commonwealth and National historic resources. Easton has three National Register Historic Districts, and one area listed as a National Historic Landmark District, all of which attract visitors from out of state as well as other countries. The Historical Commission plans to continue its update of the Town's historic resources survey this year and has been working on setting priorities for 2000's survey efforts. In many ways, the Commission demonstrated its proactive position regarding preservation of the Town's valuable historic resources.

During the past year, the Commissioners have been active participants in the Town's various boards and committees as resource persons and advisors in the protection of our historic heritage and cultural resources. Frank Meninno served on the Memorialization Committee, Greg Galer on the Public Facilities Committee, Ed Hands on the Rockery Grant Committee, and John Ventresco on the Stonehill 50th Anniversary Committee. The Easton Historical Commission has continued to be a participant in reviewing all site plans submitted to the Planning and Zoning Board and Board of Appeals, and works with the Conservation Commission in its site review process as well.

The now closed Lincoln Street Intermediate and North Easton Grammar Schools are significant buildings in the North Easton National and State Register Historic District. The Historical Commission is continuing to ensure their historic character is preserved through active review with appropriate Town and State boards and officials. The Historical Commission has also been active in planning for the restoration and preservation of the historic Olmsted-designed Rockery. The Commission has coordinated its review of the Ames Free Library addition project with the Massachusetts Historical Commission's review process to ensure that historic preservation issues are taken into account.

Copies of the Easton brochure and map, reprinted in 1995, are available at the Town Office, the Easton Historical Society, or from the Commissioners.

The Historical Commission Internet address is: <http://www.brdk.org/histcom>

The Historical Commission meets on the third Tuesday of each month. Visitors are always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. O'Reilly, Chair
Barry Dunkley, Vice-Chair
John Ventresco, Secretary
Gregory Galer
Edmund C. Hands
Frank T. Meninno
Gloria J. Stafford

Easton Historical Commission

1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

During 1999, the Council on Aging reached out to the 2,800 elderly residents of Easton through our bi-monthly newsletter that was mailed or delivered to each elderly household, through announcements on cable TV, and through articles in the local newspapers. In addition to mailing the newsletter, the Council provided service in transportation, nutrition, recreation, and outreach to 790 of our elderly residents.

We transported elders and handicapped residents to medical appointments, grocery stores, shopping malls, local hair dressers and to the community building at Parker Terrace for Council on Aging programs on either our lift-equipped shuttle vans or with one of our volunteers. We also connected with the Brockton Area Transit, Dial-a-Bat service, for transportation to Boston area medical appointments.

During the year, the Council offered a number of health promotion programs. The Area Agency on Aging nutritionist gave monthly nutrition workshops and a trained nurse from Pedi-Care, Inc. provided preventive foot care at twice monthly clinics and we were able to hold hearing screening and minor hearing-aid repair clinics once a month. We are grateful to the Easton Lions Club for their Eye Mobile health screening and cookout that took place in May during Senior Citizens Month and for donating a Magni-Cam video magnifier to the Council for use by our elderly residents. We were also able to continue a twice-weekly exercise program with funding from Stonehill College and we are truly grateful for their support of our elderly programs.

Seniors participated in recreational programs including board games, bowling, bridge, ceramics, crafts, cribbage, knitting, line dancing, painting, walking club, and quilting. Many traveled with us on day trips and overnight tours. We are grateful to the Recreation Commission for the Summer Barbecue they provided in the Community Center at Parker Terrace and for the bus trips they sponsored for our elderly residents.

Many of our seniors enjoyed intergenerational programs with Easton children. Children from Moreau Hall Elementary School made beautifully decorated place mats for monthly luncheon celebrations. Teens from the Restaurant Skills Class at Oliver Ames High School made special treats for many of those celebrations as well as Thanksgiving Dinners and cookies, which we delivered to many elderly residents who were alone during the holidays. High school students, under the direction of Mrs. Jean Churchill, taught our senior citizens how to use computers and the Internet. Stonehill College students and faculty assisted frail elderly homeowners with garden cleanup and household chores on their annual "Stonehill Gives Back" day last Spring.

Our outreach coordinator made home visits to elders and arranged a variety of home care services for those in need by working with local social services agencies, volunteer groups, and private homemakers. Staff members helped fuel assistance applicants, issued senior citizens ID cards, and completed Bay State Gas discount cards.

We were fortunate to have many volunteers who helped us during the year, making it possible for us to run a wide variety of programs for our elderly. We would like to thank them for their contribution and also the Easton Housing Authority for the use of their community buildings for our Council on Aging programs. We extend our appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee and the residents of Easton for their continued support of our elderly services and programs.

Respectfully submitted:

- Francis Spillane, Chairman
- Phyllis Kiessling, Vice-chairman
- Elizabeth Verity, Secretary
- Marie Healey
- Ethel Pomerleau
- Nicolina Previti
- Christine Quinn
- Dolores Kent, Director

1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Easton

The new cemetery signs have been put in the cemeteries.

All damaged stones at the Dr. Edward Dean Cemetery have been replaced or repaired. The stonewall has been repaired, the cemetery is now back in good shape.

Edward Rogers resigned as a member, and his knowledge and help throughout the year will be missed by the Commission.

New markers will be placed at the Perez Packard Cemetery.

New grave markers for the old cemeteries were set out. They included 38 Revolutionary, 38 Grand Army of the Republic, 12 Spanish/American, and 12 war of 1812.

Stones at the Center Street Cemetery were cleaned and straightened.

Thanks to Richard Hayes and his crew for the cleaning and mowing of all Town cemeteries.

We express our thanks to all the Town officials and the citizens of Easton for their continuous support which enables us to care for and maintain our cemeteries.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Melin, Chairman

1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WORLD WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Easton

The Committee met on two occasions in 1999.

March 10, 1999, with all members present, three items were discussed:

1. Methods of obtaining additional funds for this Account. One contribution, in the amount of \$100.00, was received in 1999. Contributions are welcome and may be sent to any Committee member.
2. The report of the Committee for inclusion in the 1998 Town Report was reviewed and accepted.
3. The updated "Rules, Regulations and Procedures" were accepted as presented.

May 18, 1999, the Committee met at Oliver Ames High School to evaluate scholarship applications. It was voted to award:

1. A scholastic scholarship to Angela Santos, attending Boston University
2. A vocational scholarship to George A. Aronstein attending Johnson and Wales University
3. The 1997 scholastic scholarship awarded to Nipha Seateng attending Simmons College, will be continued

Please consider making a contribution to this fund, in memory of the veterans of World Wars, for the benefit of the students of Oliver Ames High School.

Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

John F. Hurley, Chairman
John Melin
Robert McLaughlin
Chairman, School Committee
Chairman, Board of Selectmen
Commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars
Commander, American Legion

1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AMES FREE LIBRARY – EASTON'S PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library's circulation increased by ten percent over 1998. The total figure is 77,903 for the year. However, more residents took advantage of Reference Services, Children's Programs and Computer Tutorials than is measured by circulation statistics only.

Much of the year was spent working on the Expansion/Renovation Building Plans. Robert Miklos and Angela Hyatt of Schwartz/Silver Architects met regularly with the Board of Directors, the Library Director, and residents of the town. A design was created that met the requirements of improved library services, historical considerations, and land use. A vote at April Town Meeting and a non-binding ballot question overwhelmingly supported the library project.

In July, the Board of Library Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting in Easton for the first time. They were impressed with what they saw and what the proposed plans were for the building project.

For the first time the library has its own web site (<http://people.ne.mediaone.net/amesfreelibrary.org>). It receives over 1,000 hits per month and is full of information about library materials, services, homework assignments and other items of interest to Easton residents.

The Programs for children continue to grow in number and attendance. There were 234 programs this year compared to 36 last year. A contributing factor is the presence on the staff of two professional children's librarians. This is made possible by the bequest/trust of Fanny Holt Ames. The "Summer Reading Program" was changed this year to provide small rewards throughout the summer when certain levels of reading have been achieved.

Reference services have increased in scope and depth. With access to world wide databases supplied by the Southeastern Massachusetts Regional Library System and the SAILS network, to which this library belongs, almost all inquiries can be answered. There are two professional Reference Librarians on the staff and one Technology Librarian providing instruction in the use of the databases.

A cordial relationship exists between this library and all the Easton School Department libraries. Regular meetings are held throughout the year to inform each other about what is happening in each location. This benefits all the children of Easton and gives good value to the taxpayers of the town.

In December of this year the resignation by Robert Berg, Treasurer of the Library, was accepted regretfully. He served well for many years, and will be missed.

At the end of this century, this institution can look back at its beginnings just before the turn of the last century. It was a good library the for its' size then and served the residents of this town well. Now, the library has outgrown its original structure and the children's addition of 1931, and is looking forward to an expansion that will double its size. Services have grown with the years such that a resident from Easton can sit at home and order materials from this library and other libraries around the country to be delivered to this library. All services have been made possible by a friendly, helpful staff. They

1997 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DARTMOUTH MEMORIAL HALL ASSOCIATION

INCIDENT

Incident Number: 1997-001
 Incident Date: 1997-01-01
 Incident Location: 1997-01-01
 Incident Description:

continue to be the foundation on which the Ames Free Library rests. Support from the Board of Directors, Friends of the Library, Town Administrator, Selectmen, and other Town Department Heads contribute to the success of the Ames Free Library – Easton's Public Library and I sincerely thank them all.

Respectfully submitted,
 Annalee Bundy
 Executive Director

Category	1997 Income	1997 Expense	1997 Balance
Operating Income	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00
Operating Expense	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00
Capital Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00
Total Expense	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00
Total Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00

The total 1997 income was \$100,000.00. The total 1997 expense was \$100,000.00. The total 1997 balance was \$0.00. The total 1997 capital income was \$0.00. The total 1997 capital expense was \$0.00. The total 1997 capital balance was \$0.00. The total 1997 income was \$100,000.00. The total 1997 expense was \$100,000.00. The total 1997 balance was \$0.00. The total 1997 capital income was \$0.00. The total 1997 capital expense was \$0.00. The total 1997 capital balance was \$0.00.

Our financial statements for 1997 were audited by the Ames Free Library and the Town of Easton. The audit was completed on 1997-12-31. The audit was completed on 1997-12-31. The audit was completed on 1997-12-31. The audit was completed on 1997-12-31. The audit was completed on 1997-12-31.

1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AMES TRUST FUNDS

The following is a summary of the Ames Trust Funds held for the benefit of the Town of Easton as of December 31, 1999, together with an estimate of the 2000 income. The estimate for the 2000 income is based on the prevailing dividend and interest rates the portfolios are presently earning. This estimate does not allow for any unanticipated changes which might be made before the net income is paid over to the Town of Easton.

	<u>Book Value</u>	<u>12/31/99 Market Value</u>	<u>1999 Income Paid to Town</u>	<u>2000 Estimate Income to Town</u>
Highways Fund	\$1,189,778.25	\$5,593,778.52	\$164,801.83	\$125,000.00
Highways Perm. Fund	148,491.05	241,206.24	5,465.11	5,000.00
Schools Fund	2,791,836.08	4,660,656.25	145,541.19	115,000.00

Detailed accounts for the three funds for the year ending December 31, 1999 will be provided shortly.

Respectfully submitted,

Oliver F. Ames
Trustee

**1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
OAKES AMES MEMORIAL HALL ASSOCIATION**

INCOME

Investment income

William Hadwen Ames Trust

Hobart Ames Trust

Oakes Angier Ames Trust

Investments 3,672.00

114,900.00

Sub-total \$118,572.00

Operating income

Rentals 20,631.00

OAMHA Development Assoc. 9,600.00

Sub-total \$30,231.00

Other income

Mass. Historic Commission grant 30,000.00

Music Series 73,726.00

Brockton Credit Union 3,263.00

Sub-total \$ 106,989.00

Total Income \$255,792.00

EXPENSES

Operating expenses

Rental deposit returns 4,550.00

Utilities : 2,949.00

Gas, Telephone, Electric, Oil, Water

Salaries : 6,948.00

Rental Agent, Custodians, Sec., Treasurer

Sprinkler system maintenance 2,602.00

Furnace repairs 562.00

Insurance 545.00

Miscellaneous expenses 2,302.00

Development Assoc. (Holiday Dance) 10,120.00

Sub-total \$30,578.00

Capital expenses

Window repair/paint 132,724.00

Architectural fees 14,634.00

Sub-total \$147,358.00

Other expenses

Music Series 73,416.00

Sub-total \$73,416.00

Total Expense \$251,352.00

Net Income (deficit) \$ 4,440.00

The Hall had a 150% budget increase over 1998's figures due to \$147,000.00 in capital expenses for window repair and painting. A Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) grant will reimburse \$59,000.00 of this amount. The balance of funding came from the Hall. The Music Series doubled its \$36,000.00 line item from 1998. Operating income and expenses remained consistent from last year at approximately \$30,000.00. However rental income was down \$3,000.00, leaving an operating deficit of <\$347.00> for the year. Despite all the spending our financial condition remains sound.

H.H. Richardson the Architect, His Peers and Their Era was published by MIT Press and has been favorably reviewed. In building maintenance our next project is brownstone repair. In 2000 we will be working closely with our neighbor the Ames Free Library and the MHC to mitigate

the impact on the Hall and the H. H. Richardson National Historic Landmark District of the library's proposed addition.

The Music Series grew in popularity by increasing the variety of music attracting patrons from neighboring towns. Easton support remained strong in our second season with over half of annual ticket sales going to local residents. Music Series capital improvements for 1999 were five ceiling mounted spotlights for improved lighting of performers. Again we give our thanks for your support.

Respectfully submitted
Frederick L. Ames, President

1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Easton:

As your representatives to the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), we are pleased to present this report on behalf of the Council for 1998.

The Old Colony Planning Council is one of thirteen regional planning agencies in Massachusetts, authorized by state statute to prepare plans for the physical, social and economic development of their respective regions. OCPC is the only regional planning agency in Massachusetts to be designated as an Area Agency on Aging. In this responsibility, the OCPC manages federal Older Americans Act funding for elder services in the fifteen communities in the Council's regular planning district plus eight additional municipalities that constitute the elderly services planning and service area. The OCPC is also designated as an Economic Development District by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce for coordinating economic development activities within the OCPC District. Lastly, the OCPC is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Transportation and Transit Planning for the region. We are proud to report that the Old Colony Planning Council has the distinction of being the only regional council in New England to hold all of these official designations at the same time.

In addition to the designated responsibilities, the Council is concerned with a wide variety of areawide and inter-municipal concerns as they pertain to the development of the Planning District. The Council also assists its member municipalities with technical planning assistance, grant application preparation assistance and with information on local and regional trends by maintaining current socio-economic information. Each member community of the Council is represented by one delegate and one alternate member. The Council members establish policy, develop the work program, and employ and oversee the activities of the professional staff. The Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM in the OCPC offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton, MA.

In 1999, the Council re-elected Eldon F. Moreira of West Bridgewater as President of OCPC; David A. Johnson of East Bridgewater as Council Secretary; and, Joseph P. Landolfi of Stoughton as Council Treasurer. Daniel M. Crane serves as Executive Director of the Council. During the year, the Council completed the final draft of a Regional Policy Plan that will serve as a guide to municipal officials in directing local planning efforts and used to determine consistency for developments under the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). The OCPC Plan is also entirely consistent with the Southeastern Massachusetts Vision 2020, An Agenda for the Future, published during the year. The Vision 2020 program is an initiative including 51 communities in Southeastern Massachusetts to address uncontrolled sprawl, promote a high quality of life, more efficient use of public resources, and enhancing private investment opportunities.

The Council gratefully acknowledges the generous support and cooperation of its member communities, the participation and involvement of the members of committees. Thanks to the Joint Transportation Committee chaired by Stephen Baker; the Overall Economic Development Committee chaired by Joseph P. Joseph; and, the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee chaired by Doris Grindle and Phyllis Hancock during the year. The Council also recognizes the work of local boards and commissions and the government agencies, public and private institutions and individuals who assisted its efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean-Marie Kent-Joyce, Delegate
Matthew Striggles, Delegate At-Large

1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL AREA AGENCY ON AGING

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of the Town of Easton. The Delegate and Alternate to the Old Colony Planning Council Area Agency on Aging (OCPC-AAA) Advisory Committee are pleased to present this report of the Area Agency on Aging activities for fiscal year 1999.

NARRATIVE STATEMENT:

The OCPC-AAA is responsible for planning, coordinating and funding elder services under the Older Americans Act in the 23 community region served by the program. The OCPC-AAA, in conjunction with input from the 23 community Advisory Committee, has focused its efforts on developing a network of services and programs to serve the unmet needs of elders from throughout the region. In fiscal year 1999, the OCPC-AAA provided grant funding to various service provider agencies for the following types of programs and services:

- * Multi-Purpose Senior Center Services
- * Mental Health Services
- * Services for Disabled Elders
- * Legal Services
- * Nutrition Education and Counseling
- * Congregate and Home Delivered Meals
- * Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program
- * Outreach
- * Personal Care & Respite
- * Transportation
- * Emergency Intervention Service
- * Senior Aide Employment Program
- * Senior Aide Employment Program

The OCPC-AAA Advisory Committee Delegates and Alternates play a key role in the development and support of elder services and programs in the region. Committee members from each of the 23 communities assist the AAA in assessing elder needs, recommending funding priorities, and recommending sub-grantee awards to the Planning Council. The support and cooperation of the Delegates and Alternates and their respective communities is acknowledged with gratitude by the Old Colony Planning Council Area Agency on Aging. The OCPC-AAA also wishes to extend sincere thanks to outgoing Advisory Committee Chairwoman Doris Grindle of Hanson and new Chairwoman Phyllis Hancock of Brockton and Vice-Chairwoman Josephine Hatch of Pembroke for their leadership during the past fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Kiessling,, Delegate
Marie Healey, Alternate

1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT STUDY COMMITTEE

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Easton

The Committee was formed during early 1999 to study the wastewater needs of the Town and to make recommendations as to remedies necessary and available to address any identified problems. A report was issued in October identifying critical areas and recommending that a professional firm be selected to specifically define any corrective measures. In addition, the Committee recommended applying for a no interest loan from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to fund the above study and prepare a Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP) for the town. After submittal, the application for funding under the State Revolving Fund Loan Program for Clean Water Projects was given the second highest priority in the state. With approval at the November Town Meeting of \$350,000 for the Plan, the WMSC will begin the next phase of its responsibilities early next year. This includes preparation of a "Request for Qualifications", selection of the engineering firm for the CWMP, and overseeing the process for the study.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Margulies, Chairman
Mary Ellen Radovanic, Vice Chairman
Mark Peterson, Secretary
Kenneth Carlson
Daniel M. Crane
Ronald Lawson
George Sherback

**1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Easton:

The contribution of this committee, combined with adequate funding for building maintenance and the professional expertise of staff and consultants, should yield dramatic improvements to the Town's buildings over the coming years.

The September 1998 Special Town Meeting voted to establish the Municipal Building Committee. The powers and duties of this committee were designated as: to serve as a building committee for all school and government building projects valued at \$50,000 or more, including changes to existing buildings and all new buildings; to conduct inspections of all school and government buildings, to assist the DPW Director with the preparation of annual and 5-year capital improvement and maintenance plans.

The committee was formed in June 1999. Funding was appropriated for hiring of expert consulting services required to develop long term plans for all Town buildings. The committee issued a Request for Qualifications, Program Planning and Management Services for all Municipal Buildings, Easton, MA. We reviewed all submissions and have made a recommendation to the Town for the candidate we felt was most qualified. The committee is in the process of assisting the Town staff in negotiating the Scope of Services, which will allow the Selectmen to enter into a contract.

We are working with the DPW Director on specific projects over \$50,000 and with the Capital Planning Committee on a more comprehensive process.

The Municipal Building Committee does not have a set schedule at this time. But meeting agendas are posted at Town Hall and visitors are welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail D. Tuominen, Chair
Peter Yochim, Committee Clerk
Lenny Altieri
Marc Brockman
Michael Carey
Ken Carlson
Paul Mullen

1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FLYAWAY POND RESTORATION COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Easton,

Formed in late 1996, the Flyaway Pond Restoration Committee was formed for the purpose of investigating the feasibility of, and developing plans and specifications for the restoration of Flyaway Pond. To that end, the early months of 1999 were spent reviewing a draft Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") prepared by Baystate Environmental Consultants, Inc. ("Baystate"). This ENF represents the culmination of consulting services performed over the last year by Baystate. This document compared and evaluated five alternatives for the restoration of the pond, which discussed; achievement of design goals, costs, and likelihood of approval. These alternatives ranged from the "do-nothing" approach to the full restoration of Flyaway Pond. Baystate completed their contract by presentation of this document to the Committee under the terms of the Lakes and Ponds Grant Program administered by the Dept. of Environmental Management ("DEM").

The Committee favors a design alternative that would restore a majority of the pond, has the highest possibility of success and involves the lowest estimated cost of the alternatives reviewed. After presenting these findings to the Easton Conservation Commission, and gaining their endorsement, we met with the Board of Selectmen to report our findings and obtained the Board's approval to proceed with the submittal of the ENF to the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs under the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA") guidelines.

The Committee re-organized in August, with John Webby stepping down as Chairman. Alan Roscoe was voted to succeed Mr. Webby as Chairman, and Phil Barske and Paul Marino will continue in their capacity as Vice Chair and Clerk, respectively. On behalf of the Committee, we thank Mr. Webby for his enthusiastic and dedicated service as chairman. Mr. Webby will assist us in our efforts by continued membership on the Committee.

Individual members of the Committee attended a "Grants Fair" which was held at Borderland State Park in November. Sponsored by the DEM, this seminar presented information on grant programs and funding opportunities that may be available for this project.

The Committee desired to promote public participation in the review and approval process prior to submittal to MEPA. On December 7, 1999, a well attended public hearing was held at the Oakes Ames Memorial Hall to inform local residents of the Committee's progress and gain favorable community support. With feedback received during this forum, the ENF application is being fine-tuned for submittal early in the year 2000.

The Flyaway Pond Restoration Committee acknowledges and wishes to thank the staff of the Town Administrator's Office for all their assistance; Mr. Wayne Southworth, for assisting the Committee with a meeting place; the NRT; the Oakes Ames Memorial Hall; and finally, the members of the Easton Conservation Commission and the Easton Board of Selectmen for all their support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan D. Roscoe, P.E., Chairman
Phil Barske, Ph.D., Vice Chairman
Paul A. Marino, Clerk
Barry Dunkley
Paul Fruzzetti
John Kent
John Webby

1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE 275th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

To The Honorable Selectmen and the Citizens of Easton:

We wish to thank the Selectmen for their support and to Particularly thank the Police Department, the Fire Department and the Highway Department in advance for their help, which we are planning on all year. Also a Special thank you to the Water Department for our meeting place and their help on various issues.

Early in July the Selectmen appointed the first members, Dave and Sylvia Gardner, to this committee. On July 22nd the first meeting was held at the Water Department with eight members present. They were, in addition to the Gardners, Pamela and Richard Berglund, Lee Williams, John Foye, Marie Madden and Betty Verity. Dave and Sylvia were elected Co-Chairmen; Lee Williams, Vice Chairman; Betty Verity, Secretary; and Ernie Camara, Treasurer. We now have twenty-eight members. We meet every other Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Water Department on Bay Road.

The 275th Celebration is a year-long celebration. We have sub-committees for each event and following is a list of some of the events we have planned:

A Spring Dance at the Oaks Ames Hall; an Ecumenical Church Service with a Gathering; a Bike Race on May 28th; the Home Coming on June 17th, the Grande Parade on June 18th; Family Field Day on September 3rd; Golf Tournament on September 17th; and the Grand Ball on October 7th. We also hope to have a Commemorative Postage stamp for our Town's Anniversary, and a Celebration in December in honor of the signing of Easton's Original Charter which took place on December 21st, 1725.

Our Goal is to have a memorable year for Easton's Townspeople.

Respectfully submitted,
DAVE AND SYLVIA GARDNER
Co-Chairman

1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Easton:

The Easton Housing Authority is pleased to report that its 184 State-Aided Elderly, ten State-Aided Family and 101 Section 8 Certificates and Vouchers remained tenanted for the year.

The most memorable event of 1999 was the completion and grand opening of two gazebos, one at Parker Terrace and one at Elise Circle. Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of A. E. "Bump" Haley, his family, Mrs. J., the North Easton Savings Bank, the Easton Cooperative Bank, the Brockton Credit Union and countless Town businesses and local citizens, the Gazebo Committee (formed in 1998) was able to construct two gorgeous facilities to host band concerts, have small impromptu picnics and provide shade for our residents. A very special thank you goes to the Gazebo Committee comprised of Michael Malloy, Chairman, Sylvia Gardner, Beverly Hanson, Virginia Weston, Esther Delello, Ella Porter, Maryann Bissonette and Rena Salkovitz. Their hard work and dedication to the project was truly admirable.

Easton residents continue to receive preference for housing on all of our waiting lists for housing and are encouraged to apply. Seniors over the age of 60 who fall within established state income guidelines are eligible to apply for elderly housing at Parker Terrace or Elise Circle. Additionally, any person who qualifies as disabled and is unable to locate alternative housing due to their disability may also qualify for elderly housing. The current income limit for elderly housing is \$30,200 for one person and \$34,500 for two people. Additional information can be obtained by calling the Authority office at 508-238-4747

The Section 8 program, providing rental assistance to families and single individuals also has an open waiting list and interested parties may call the office for additional information.

The Authority continues to provide, free of charge, facilities to the Council on Aging and Old Colony Elderly Services for their various programs. Lunches and Meals on Wheels are prepared and distributed from the Robert J. Keefe Community Center at Parker Terrace, Monday through Friday, and the COA hosts a variety of wonderful programs from crafts to dancing and exercise. All senior residents of Easton are welcome to drop by the center for these great programs or just for companionship.

The Easton Housing Authority extends our sincere gratitude to the residents, staff, police, fire and townspeople for their continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Crane, Chairman
Sylvia Gardner, Vice-Chairman
June Brousseau, Treasurer
Sandra Conant, Assistant Treasurer
Michael Malloy, Clerk

1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Easton:

We hereby submit the following report for the year 1999 for the Easton Housing Partnership.

The Easton Housing Partnership continued to research and gather information related to Affordable Housing in 1999.

Our goal of producing Easton's Affordable Housing Plan is one step closer with a draft currently being revised and updated to assure the Town of Easton is equipped with the most accurate facts as applications are filed.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Marc Rousseau and Martha White for their guidance and support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Tabaie, Vice-Chair
Philip Barske, Member
Scott Bamford, Member
Steve Freitas, Resource Person

1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON CULTURAL COUNCIL

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Easton:

The Easton Cultural Council (ECC) received 56 applications representing total requests of \$40,684.83 for the fiscal 2000 grant cycle; it was allocated \$10,320 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. After the appropriation of unused grants from previous years and the subtraction of administrative funds, the ECC granted a total of \$9,962 to 37 individual applicants. Approval from the Massachusetts Cultural Council was made in January 2000. 1999-2000 Easton Cultural Grants were awarded as follows:

Applicant/Organization	Representative	Town	Project	Grant
Brockton Symphony Orchestra	Jeffrey S. Sposato	Brockton	52nd Symphony Concert Season	500.00
Center Elementary School	Cathi Droukas	South Easton	Theatreworks/USA "Gold Rush" musical	117.00
Center Elementary School	Donna O'Shea	South Easton	Scot Canon's "Classics With A Twist"	150.00
Children's Museum in Easton	Paula J. Peterson	North Easton	Exhibit & Program Development	500.00
Easton Family Violence Task Force	Pamela Bergland	North Easton	Productions (2) of the Yellow Dress	500.00
Easton Gazebo Committee	Michael J. Malloy	North Easton	Free Band Concert at Gazebo	250.00
Easton Junior High School	Aubrey Conrad	North Easton	"Wild and Whirling Words"	500.00
F.L. Olmsted and H.H. Richardson Schools	Susan Barron Finn	North Easton	Brain Gillie, "Early Rock and Roll"	250.00
Fuller Art Museum	Jennifer Atkinson	Brockton	Exhibit & Educational Programs	500.00
Garden Club Federation of MA	Jackie Leszczak-Stone	Tewksbury	Flower Show and Garden Improvement	300.00
H.H. Richardson and F.L. Olmsted Schools	Joanne L. Faust	North Easton	Semenya McCord/Ain'a That Good News	500.00
Harris Shilakowsky	Harris Shilakowsky	South Easton	Chamber Music Concert Series Yr 2000	500.00
Industrial Theatre	Elisa Leone	Taunton	Open-Air Shakespeare Production	200.00
Jubilate Choral, Inc.	James Williston	Bridgewater	Winter and Spring Concerts	200.00
Lesli Scott	Lesli Scott	Amherst	Senior Collaborative Quilt	250.00
Moreau Hall Elementary School	Darleen Hanegan	North Easton	Wizard of Oz (for Kindergartners)	142.50
Moreau Hall Elementary School	Ilene Kellogg	North Easton	Digging with Dinosaurs, Diane Edgecomb	250.00
Moreau Hall Elementary School	Ilene Kellogg	North Easton	Math Through Movement	250.00
Parkview Elementary School	Susan Barron Finn	North Easton	Parkview Millennium Mural Project	400.00
Parkview Elementary School	Ellen Drown	North Easton	History of Dance in America	250.00
Robert Weinstein	Robert Weinstein	North Easton	Easton Paintings	400.00
SMARTS Collaborative	Sherye Weisz	Norton	Cabaret Theatre	50.00
SMARTS Collaborative	Sherye Weisz	Norton	Deaf Arts Experience	125.00
SMARTS Collaborative	Sherye Weisz	Norton	SMARTS Annual Touring Art Exhibit	50.00
SMARTS Collaborative	Sherye Weisz	Norton	Wind Symphony	50.00
Stonehill College	Nan D. Mulford	Easton	Nakamichi Concert Series	500.00
Temple Chayai Shalom, Easton	Robin Goldstein	North Easton	Multigenerational Storytelling	150.00
Tim Van Egmond, Storyteller	Tim Van Egmond	Montague	"Hats Off to Seniors"	250.00
Center Elementary School	Donna O'Shea	South Easton	Foundations/"Make Way for Ducklings"	187.50
Center Elementary School	Donna O'Shea	South Easton	Buckly Arts Center "Pippi Longstocking"	120.00
F.L. Olmsted Intermediate School	Laura Ayasse	North Easton	Museum of Fine Arts "Pharaohs of the Sun"	237.00
F.L. Olmsted School	Laura Ayasse	North Easton	Boston Museum of Science/Planetarium	288.00
H.H. Richardson/F.L. Olmsted School	Joanne L. Faust	North Easton	Museum of Fine Arts "Pharaohs of the Sun"	201.00
Moreau Hall Elementary School	I. Kellogg and S. Alford	North Easton	Make Way for Ducklings/State House Tour	144.00
Moreau Hall Elementary School	I. Kellogg and V. Curley	North Easton	New England Aquarium	144.00
Parkview Elementary School	Karen Silverstein	North Easton	Science Discovery Museum	195.00
Parkview Elementary School	Timothy Harrington	North Easton	Cleveland Signstage Theatre	360.00
Total 1999-2000 Grant Funds Awarded:				\$9,961.00

Council Information

The Easton Cultural Council (formerly Easton Arts Council) is funded through the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The Easton Council aims to help fund projects to: support programs in the art, humanities and interpretive sciences; directly affect the residents of Easton; achieve the greatest community benefit; and cultivate the arts through participation and appreciation.

The Board of Selectmen appointed Deborah Balcerak and Richard Capobianco new members of the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennie H. DunKley, Chair
 Jennifer Edwards-Hawkins, Vice Chair
 William MacMullen, Treasurer
 Susan Perdiggao Harrington, Secretary
 Deborah Balcerak
 Richard Capobianco
 Gino Del Guercio
 Sharyn Katz

1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BORDERLAND STATE PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Advisory Council had a goal of having the Department of Environmental Management contract to have a new underground electrical service brought into the Mansion and the maintenance garage at Borderland State Park. DEM did not start the project as of September so the Council wrote letters to Commissioner Webber of the DEM, Director Fredrick of Forest and Parks and Senators and Representatives in the surrounding area asking that the project be completed. The Mansion roof is leaking badly and the Council asked that the replacement be done as soon as possible. The DEM is now responding to these requests by the Council now that it has been brought to their attention again.

The attendance at the Park still increases each year with the Visitors Center becoming more popular as a place to hold teaching sessions and discussion groups.

The Council does appreciate the cooperation of the Easton Garden Club, the Historical Society and the Friends of Borderland for their support and advice over the past year.

The Council also notes the efforts of the Friends as the members supplement the excellent program of park activities.

The Easton representatives encourage comments to improve this historic and recreational resource in our community.

Respectfully Submitted,

William O. Hocking Jr., Chairman
John J. Kent, Easton Representative
Paul Berry, Easton Historical Society
John Ventresco, Friends of Borderland

THE 1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

On June 30, 1999 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project completed forty years of service to the cities and towns of Bristol County.

The mosquito control project works year-round in its efforts to reduce mosquito breeding sites and adult mosquito populations. The Project uses several different measures of control in its never-ending fight against mosquitos.

WINTER PRE-HATCH - To treat breeding areas that are accessible only on the ice during the winter months.

SPRING AND SUMMER LARVICIDING - To reduce the emergence of adult mosquitos in areas where mosquito larvae is present.

CATCH BASIS TREATMENT - To stop mosquito emergence from rain-filled catch basins and storm drains.

LIGHT TAPPING PROGRAM - To monitor mosquito populations as to their type and number - a program necessary in encephalitis surveillance. Light tapping of mosquitos is also useful to determine what areas have high mosquito populations and should be sprayed.

WATER MANAGEMENT - A year round endeavor to clean and construct mosquito drainage ditches in lowland swamps to reduce their favorability as breeding sites for mosquito larvae.

It is the policy of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project to use pesticides that are environmentally safe so that the safety of the people and environment are not jeopardized. We use as many of the biological insecticides as are practical with the environmental conditions present in the New England area. We are presently using three different formulations of B.T.I. in our larviciding program.

All of our spray equipment is calibrated periodically in order to insure that dosage rates remain at safe levels but are adequate to reduce mosquito populations. The operators of our spray equipment are state certified pesticide applicators that are required to attend classes on pesticide safety on a yearly basis.

The 1999 mosquito season was normal at the beginning with larvae hatching in average numbers in the usual breeding sites. As early summer approached, however, breeding sites began to dry down rapidly. By mid-summer our spraying, along with the extremely dry weather, had reduced mosquito populations to such low levels that spraying was not necessary in most areas. It was not until after Labor Day when it began to rain on a fairly regular basis that the mosquito populations began to rise again.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health found 2 isolations of the EE virus in Bristol County but no human cases were reported in the State during the 1999 season.

New York, however, had 60 confirmed human cases of West Nile-like virus that resulted in 7 human deaths. Mosquitos began spreading the virus south into New Jersey and east to Long Island and along the Connecticut coast. More than 10,000 birds were infected and died as a result of the virus along with a number of horses, a dog and a cat. Areas that had year-round organized mosquito control did not seem to have any problems other than some isolations of the virus.

Massachusetts Public Health ran many tests on birds and mosquitos to check for the West Nile virus but all testing was negative.

It is not known, at this time, if the West Nile-like virus found in New York and Connecticut this year will become a problem in Massachusetts during the next mosquito season, the summer of 2000. DPH, along with all mosquito control projects, will be on the alert for any signs of the virus when the season begins.

The Project sprayed all known mosquito-infested areas and answered all requests for spraying, for a total of 6,735.6 sprayed acres.

Our crawler tractor dug 600 feet of drainage ditch.

I would like to thank the Town officials and the people of Easton for their continued support and cooperation and look forward to serving them in the coming year. Should anyone have a question as to what might be done to relieve a mosquito problem in their area, whether it is water management work, treatment of a breeding site, or just having an area checked, please feel free to call our office.

Respectfully submitted

Alan W. DeCastro
Superintendent

1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SERVICES GROUP

The seventeen municipalities that are members of the Southeastern Regional Services Group (SERSG) participated in several cooperative procurements run by SERSG that resulted in significant savings on DPW supplies and services and office supplies.

SERSG members' views were presented to the Department of Telecommunications and Energy on a number of rule-makings which affect local governments: DTE 98-109 (the amended Dig Safe regulations), DTE 98-36 (the amended Pole Attachment regulations) and DTE 98-22 (the new Standards for Restoration of Roadways following Utility Cuts). The Regional Administrator served on the Technical Committee which DTE formed to recommend road restoration standards.

The SERSG Academic Luncheon was held in the Spring at the Univ. of Mass. at Boston, the annual SERSG Legislative Breakfast was held in May at Masassoit Community College, and a joint meeting of the SERSG Board of Directors and the South Shore Coalition of Managers was held in Hingham in August followed by a luncheon at the South Shore Country Club.

The Regional Administrator was asked to speak at the Mass. Town Counsel/City Solicitor's Association in January about the SERSG Model Street Opening By-Law, at DEP's Buy Recycled Workshop in April about cooperative purchasing, and at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy in October about local governments charging street rental fees for use of public rights-of-way.

SERSG continues to successfully administer a Mass. Tobacco Control Program grant on behalf of the Boards of Health of the Towns of Easton, East Bridgewater, Raynham and Stoughton. The City of Taunton's Board of Health has voted to join this tobacco collaborative and will be included in the grant application for the next three year funding cycle.

SERSG continues to be a means for member municipalities to obtain information and the results of research on problems of common concern to local governments as well as obtaining competitive prices on supplies and services. It also provides a mechanism for member municipalities to share grant monies and to receive services. We look forward to new and additional opportunities to serve your community in the up-coming year.

Catherine Salisbury, SERSG Regional Administrator

VITAL STATISTICS RECORDED IN EASTON
CALENDAR YEAR 1999

BIRTHS

Males	147	242 Single Births
Females	<u>112</u>	7 Sets of Twins
		<u>1</u> One Set of Triplets
Total Births	259	259 Children

MARRIAGES

Marriages in Easton	51	RESIDENCE OF BRIDES & GROOMS:	
Marriages in Other MA Towns	<u>57</u>	Both Residents of Easton	56
		One Easton, One Other MA Town	21
Total Marriages Recorded	108	One Easton, One Out of State	8
		Both Out of State:	11
		Both Other MA Towns	<u>12</u>
		Totals	108

DEATHS

Residents who died in Easton	59	BY AGE & GENDER:			
Residents who died out of Easton	59	<u>Ages</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>
Non-Residents who died in Easton	<u>30</u>	0-19	2	1	3
		20-49	5	4	9
Total Deaths Recorded	148	50-59	3	8	11
		60-69	5	11	16
TYPE OF FACILITY:		70-79	16	20	36
Hospital	41	80-89	33	20	53
Nursing Home	70	90-99	<u>17</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>20</u>
Residential	35	Totals	81	67	148
Other	<u>2</u>				
Total	148				

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC
Town Clerk

1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Various meetings of the Board of Registrars were held for registration of voters for Town Meetings and all elections.

At the close of registration on March 23, 1999 (For Annual Town Meeting & Election)

Precinct	Democrat	Inter 3rd Party	Libertarian	Reform	Republican	Unenrolled	Total
1	588	3	3	1	485	1214	2294
2A	90	1	1	0	122	299	513
2B	441	1	4	0	353	834	1633
3	506	2	4	4	337	1050	1903
4	527	2	4	2	419	1173	2127
5	531	2	0	4	358	1294	2189
6	508	3	1	0	373	1112	1997
Total	3191	14	17	11	2447	6976	12656

At the close of registration on Friday, November 12, 1999 (For Special Town Meeting November 22)

1	629	3	4	1	505	1287	2429
2A	91	1	1	0	125	308	526
2B	450	1	5	0	357	875	1688
3	542	2	4	4	360	1126	2038
4	557	2	4	2	430	1247	2242
5	572	2	1	4	387	1359	2325
6	539	3	5	0	381	1177	2105
Total	3380	14	24	11	2545	7379	13353

Respectfully submitted,

Albert Fleury, Chairman

Jean H. Cote

Jean M. Kent

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AE/CMMC, Clerk
BOARD OF REGISTRARS

TOWN CLERKS FEES ISSUED JULY 1998 TO JUNE 1999

Birth Certificates	0	\$	5.00	\$	-
Death Certificates	12	\$	5.00	\$	60.00
Marriage Certificates	1	\$	5.00	\$	5.00
Birth Certificates	1	\$	4.00	\$	4.00
Death Certificates	0	\$	4.00	\$	-
Marriage Certificates	0	\$	4.00	\$	-
Birth Certificates	353	\$	6.00	\$	2,118.00
Death Certificates	715	\$	6.00	\$	4,290.00
Marriage Certificates	214	\$	6.00	\$	1,284.00
Birth Certificates	203	\$	5.00	\$	1,015.00
Death Certificates	21	\$	5.00	\$	105.00
Marriage Certificates	19	\$	5.00	\$	95.00
Correction of Death	1	\$	15.00	\$	15.00
Marriage Intentions	1	\$	15.00	\$	15.00
Marriage Intentions	106	\$	20.00	\$	2,120.00
Voter I.D. Cards	15	\$	6.00	\$	90.00
Business Certificates	142	\$	25.00	\$	3,550.00
Business Discontinuances	5	\$	15.00	\$	75.00
Financing Statements	15	\$	10.00	\$	150.00
Financing Statements	339	\$	15.00	\$	5,085.00
Financing Releases	1	\$	5.00	\$	5.00
Financing Releases	43	\$	10.00	\$	430.00
Sale of Street lists				\$	1,148.50
Recording Pole Locations				\$	200.00
Copies, Etc				\$	1,011.50
Raffle Permits	1	\$10.00	\$		10.00
Raffle Permits	7	\$15.00	\$		105.00
Sale of By-Laws/CodeBooks/Voter Lists				\$	408.15
Duplicate Dog Tags	11	\$	3.00	\$	33.00
Interest				\$	-
Board of Appeals Filing Fees				\$	8,000.00
Declaration of Homestead				\$	30.00
Sale of Fishing Holders				\$	17.50
Transfer Dog License				\$	-
Search Fees				\$	150.00
Misc.				\$	17.52
Oil Storage				\$	305.00
Total Town Clerk Fees				\$	31,947.17
Sporting License Fees				\$	543.20
Total Paid to Town Treasurer				\$	32,490.37

Respectfully submitted

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC
Town Clerk

DOG LICENSES ISSUED JULY 1998 TO JUNE 1999

ISSUED JULY 1, 1998 TO JUNE 1999 INCLUSIVE

# issued	License	Fee	Total
1998 (JULY TO APRIL)			
119		\$10.00	\$1,190.00
64	Males	\$15.00	\$960.00
151	Spayed Females	\$10.00	\$1,510.00
37	Females	\$15.00	\$555.00
2	Kennel License	\$25.00	\$50.00
1	Kennel License	\$50.00	\$50.00
0	Transfer Licenses	\$3.00	\$0.00
374	Total Licenses		\$4,315.00
88	Late Fees	\$ 25.00	\$2,200.00
	Collected		\$6,515.00
1999 (March to June)			
672	Neutered Males	\$ 10.00	\$6,720.00
220	Males	\$ 15.00	\$3,300.00
873	Spayed Females	\$ 10.00	\$8,730.00
77	Females	\$ 15.00	\$1,155.00
3	Kennel	\$ 25.00	\$75.00
2	Kennel	\$ 50.00	\$100.00
0	Transfer Licenses	\$ 3.00	\$
1847	Total Licenses		\$20,080.00
0	Late Fees	\$25.00	\$0.00
	Collected		\$20,080.00
2221	Total Licenses Collected		\$24,395.00
88	Total Late Fees		\$2,200.00
	Total Funds Collected		\$26,595.00
	Total Paid to Treasurer	\$	26,595.00

The total number of licenses issued for each of the last six years was as follows:

1993	1685
1994	1744
1995	1778
1996	1910
1997	1889
1998	2221

Respectfully submitted

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AEE/CMMC
Town Clerk

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES ISSUED July 1998 to June 1999

#ISSUED	LICENSE	FEE	Total
183	Resident Fishing	\$23.50	\$4,300.50
7	Resident Minor Fishing	\$7.50	\$52.50
7	Resident Fishing (Age 65-69)	\$12.25	\$85.75
25	Resident Fishing Handicapped	\$0.00	\$0.00
1	Non-resident Fishing	\$33.50	\$33.50
2	Non-resident Fishing 3-Day	\$19.50	\$39.00
0	Resident Fishing 3-Day	\$7.50	\$0.00
2	Resident Trapping	\$31.50	\$63.00
0	Resident Trapping Minor	\$7.50	\$0.00
1	Resident Trapping (Age 65-69)	\$16.25	\$16.25
1	Duplicate Fishing	\$2.00	\$2.00
0	Duplicate Trapping		
229	Total Fishing Licenses		\$4,592.50
58	Resident Hunting	\$23.50	\$1,363.00
5	Resident Hunting (Age 65-69)	\$12.25	\$61.25
0	Resident Hunting Paraplegic	\$ -	\$0.00
0	Resident Alien Hunting	\$22.50	\$0.00
0	Non-Resident Hunting, Big Game	\$94.50	\$0.00
1	Non-Resident Hunting, Small Game	\$61.50	\$61.50
1	Resident Citizen Minor Hunting	\$7.50	\$7.50
73	Resident Sporting	\$41.00	\$2,993.00
10	Resident Sporting (Age 65-69)	\$21.00	\$210.00
46	Resident Sporting (Over 70)	\$ -	\$ -
0	Duplicate Hunting	\$2.00	\$0.00
2	Duplicate Sporting	\$2.00	\$ 4.00
196	Total Sporting Licenses		\$4,700.25
55	Archery Stamps	\$5.10	\$280.50
30	Waterfowl Stamps	\$5.00	\$150.00
37	Primitive Firearms Stamp	\$5.10	\$188.70
348	Wildland Conservation Stamps (Residents)	\$5.00	\$1,740.00
0	Wildland Conservation Stamps (Non-Residents)	\$5.00	\$0.00
470	Total Stamps Issued		\$2,359.20
425	Total Licenses Issued		\$9,292.75
895	Total Licenses and Stamps Issued		\$11,651.95
351	Fees Deducted	\$1.50	\$526.50

30 Fees Deducted	\$0.25	\$7.50
92 Fees Deducted	\$0.10	\$9.20

473 Total Fees Deducted

\$543.20

Total Paid to Fisheries & Wildlife

\$11,108.75

The total number of licenses for each of the last six years was as follows:

(Licenses and Stamps)		1992	1400
(Licenses and Stamps)		1993	1432
(Licenses and Stamps)		1994	1341
(Licenses and Stamps)		1995	1277
(Licenses and Stamps)	(First 6 Months)	1996	805
(Licenses and Stamps)		1997	950

Respectfully submitted

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC
Town Clerk

1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EASTON FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I am pleased to submit the Easton Fire and Rescue Department Annual Report for the year 1999 for your review.

Mission Statement

"The Easton Fire and Rescue Department is committed to protecting the people, property, and environment within our community."

"We will be responsive to the needs of our citizens by providing rapid, professional, humanitarian services essential to the health, safety, and well being of the community."

"We will accomplish our mission through fire prevention, fire awareness education, fire suppression, emergency medical services and other related emergency and non-emergency activities."

"We will actively participate in our community, serve as role models, and strive to effectively and efficiently utilize all of the necessary resources at our command to provide a product deemed excellent by our citizens."

"Always ready, proud to serve."

Operations

Deputy Chief Norman McNeill, Operations Chief, reports that there were a total of 2846 incidents responded to by the department in 1999, for fire, emergency or other related problems. There were 32 structure fires, 63 wildland and brushfires and 30 other types of fires. There were 4326 Fire and Rescue Department equipment responses in 1999. I am pleased to report that in 1999 none of our citizens lost their lives, or were injured due to fire. Estimated property loss for all 1999 incidents to which the fire department responded amounted to \$151,925.00, a decrease in loss of \$363,075.00 from last year. Ten (10) firefighters were injured in the line of duty in 1999, down by five from last year.

In 1999 the Easton Fire and Rescue Department continued to render to, and request from surrounding towns and cities, mutual aid fire and ambulance assistance. The department responded to 451 auto accidents. Fire personnel responded to 12 spill or fire incidents involving hazardous materials in Easton during the year.

There were 1454 emergency medical responses by the Fire Department Ambulance in the past year, an increase of 68 responses over last year. These responses resulted in the transport of 997 persons to local hospitals. The Easton Fire Department employs Advanced Life Support trained personnel to a total of nine (9) Firefighter/Paramedics and seven (7) Firefighter/Intermediate Emergency Medical Technicians. In addition we have 18 Firefighter/Basic Life Support EMTs.

All fire stations remained open during the year.

On January 1, 1999 the Department went on-line with new dispatch software. It enables the Department to generate a number of different reports. It has provided us with some interesting statistics. For example, we have found that in 1999, more calls for service occurred during weekdays than on weekends and that the busiest day was Thursday. More calls occurred between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. than at any other time of the day, with 8 – 9 a.m. being the busiest hour.

Another interesting statistic derived from the new dispatch software was the response time of our fire apparatus from the time of the call to arrival at the scene of the emergency. The majority of calls were responded to between 2 and 6 minutes. Most of the time the apparatus arrived on scene in 3 minutes.

Because of the amount of medical emergencies and motor vehicle accidents in Town, the busiest piece of apparatus in the Fire Department continues to be the Ambulance, followed by the Fire engines at Station 2, Depot Street, and Station 3, Bay road respectively.

The busiest Fire Station in Town is the Depot Street Station, #2, due to its close proximity to Washington Street (Rte 138), a North-South connector and Depot Street (rte 123), an East-West connector. Station 2 responded to 1020 calls in 1999, 59 more calls than Station 1, Lothrop Street, and 326 more than Station 3, Bay Road.

Firefighter Training and Education

Training and education are vital in ensuring that the Easton Fire and Rescue Department is able to respond effectively to the many and varied calls for assistance it receives. The Easton Fire and Rescue Department provides comprehensive training in the following areas: recruit (entry level), in-service skills development and refresher training, special skills development (hazardous materials, arson investigation, technical rescue, etc.), and officer supervisory skills and command skills development. During the year members attend required training which provides individual skills development and promotes team building. The results of this effective training program show up on the emergency scene through smooth, safe and effective operations.

As our Town grows and develops, the Department is called to deal with situations that are becoming increasingly complex due to technological advances in our society. The Department is finding that it is more and more difficult to provide in-service training in the advanced technical fields, and that we must send personnel to places such as the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, Barnstable Fire Academy and the National Fire Academy, in Emmitsburg, MD. As Fire Chief, I am proud of the capabilities and accomplishments of this department's employees, and can assure you that they are up to the challenges the future may bring.

Fire Alarm

The Fire Alarm Division, under Captain Thomas Stone, has continued to update the fire alarm system. In 1999 the Department installed the receiving portion of our new radio box fire alarm system. The first fire alarm master box using this advanced radio technology was installed at the Creative World Day Care Center on Depot Street. Several more radio boxes are due to go on-line in the year 2000. I have included a request in the FY01 capitol budget for the purchase of 8 radio boxes to upgrade our Town owned buildings to this new technology.

The hard wire system was extended down Poquanticut Avenue to the Strawberry Fields development, down Bay road to Rockland Bay Estates, down Bay Road to Quail Lane and Deer Run Road, from Washington Street into the Old Country Way development and from Washington Street down Dolly's Way. New fire alarm street boxes were installed Penny Lane (2), Fairfield Drive (2), Dear Run Drive (2), Robin Lane (1), Christina Drive (1), and Dolly's Way (1). These developments were approved by the fire department prior to the installation of our radio box alarm system. Developments approved from July 1999 will be required to install radio fire alarm boxes.

Captain Stone replaced damaged wiring on Dickerman Road and Eisenhower Drive with all new wiring. The Telephone Company replaced over 100 poles in the town in 1999. A great deal of time was spent moving existing fire alarm wire and hardware to the new poles. The fire alarm system continues to be budgeted and successfully funded through a Fire Alarm Offset Receipt Account.

Fire Study

In 1998, the Massachusetts Municipal Association conducted a study of Easton Fire Department operations and station locations. As a result of that study, the Selectmen commissioned a task force to develop and report back to the Board on a master plan to implement the study. This Committee is comprised of the Town Administrator, Fire Chief, Police Chief, D.P.W. Director, School Committee representative, Finance

Committee representative, and two members of the Fire Union. This "Fire Study Master Planning Committee" has met throughout 1999 and into 2000 to complete this task.

Public Education and Fire Prevention

The number one priority of this Department is to prevent the needless injuries, suffering and property loss caused by fires, accidents and related incidents. In this regard, we maintain an extremely active educational program aimed at preventing these incidents before they occur, or reducing the severity of any resulting incidents.

The highly successful Safety Awareness & Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) program (now in year five), continues to be well received by Easton elementary school children and teachers. Funded by a \$4,821.01 grant from the State's Department of Public Safety, it allows local fire departments to place a firefighter into the schools throughout the year teaching fire and life safety. Important fire safety lessons designed for each grade level (K-6) are taken right into the classroom and are presented in an effective interactive style impacting over 2000 Easton students.

Firefighters David Beals, Thomas Nicholson, and Lawrence Blye again taught their fire safety message to all Kindergarten classes and Day care centers on Fire Prevention Week in October. They continued in following weeks, teaching grades 1 through 6.

The highlight of Fire Prevention Week was our annual Open House. Approximately 2000 Town's people visited the Lothrop St. Fire Station on a beautiful Saturday in October and viewed displays dealing with fire safety, fire prevention, rescue and medical equipment and other fire service tools. All of the Fire Department's apparatus was on display outside the station, along with the State's Hazardous Materials Response Unit. Citizens also viewed an auto extrication demonstration using hydraulic rescue tools. A fun and informative day was had by all those who attended. Refreshments were donated by many of the community's businesses, most notably Papa Gino's Pizza. I would like to thank all of the Easton Firefighters and their families for assisting us in making the day a success.

The Easton Fire and Rescue Department has its own web page. Using the latest technology to further the Fire Prevention message, the web site can be reached through the Internet address of:

<http://www.eastonfire.com>. On the site you will find information about our department, fire safety information, as well as links to hundreds of other fire services around the world. I can be reached via e-mail through our web page, or at **pblye@easton.ma.us**. Firefighter Jeffrey Webster created and manages the Home Page for our Department.

Captain John Howard, Fire Prevention Officer, and on-duty firefighters provided fire extinguisher training for local nursing home staff, regional school bus drivers and Easton businesses and Town employees.

The Fire Prevention Division, under Captain John Howard conducted fire inspections as required by State Law. Schools and nursing homes were inspected on a regular basis. Underground tank removals and blasting operations were monitored and target areas where fire-safety education was needed were identified.

Apparatus

In July 1999, The Fire Department took delivery of a new pumping engine and aerial ladder truck manufactured by Pierce Manufacturing Inc. of Appleton, Wisconsin. Town Meeting voters had approved their purchase last year. After in-depth training on the apparatus by all firefighters, the two vehicles were put into service in September. Our other apparatus is in fair shape. In the spring of 2000 the Department will be purchasing a new ambulance as part of our replacement plan.

Communications

A new 400 MHz radio communications system was purchased and installed in all Fire Stations and vehicles, providing the Department with improved communications. Each firefighter has his own portable

radio which enables him to directly call his Fire Officer or the station to report emergency conditions at a scene. This provides a higher level of safety to our personnel who perform very hazardous tasks.

In the Spring/Summer of 1999, the Town issued a Request for Proposal to replace an aging antenna tower at the rear of the Fire/Police Complex on Lothrop Street. Nelson Communications proposed a 190-foot tower at no cost to the town in exchange for telecommunications space on the tower's lower levels. The Town will get a share of revenues generated by this arrangement. All of the Town's communications antennas will be placed at the top of the structure, providing all municipal departments with superior communications.

Personnel

The officers and firefighters of this department continue to donate many hours of their own time assisting the department and attending training courses in advanced fire fighting and medical techniques in order to perform their tasks in a more efficient manner. I would again like to recognize and thank all thirty-four of them for their contribution in making the Easton Fire and Rescue Department the professional and well-educated organization it is. As Fire Chief, I take great pride in the capabilities and accomplishments of our personnel who give so willingly of their time and talents for the people of Easton. I would also like to thank my Executive Assistant Lillian McGranachan, and all the Fire Officers and Firefighters of this department for the assistance they provided Deputy Chief McNeill and me throughout this past year.

Conclusion

I would like to thank all of Easton's citizens, officials, boards, committees, and other town departments who have come to our assistance this past year. You may rest assure that we will continue to provide the best in both emergency and non-emergency services in the most efficient manner possible in the future.

On New Year's Eve, the end of year 1999 and the 20th Century, while the citizens of Easton celebrated the beginning of the new millennium, the Easton Fire Department was on duty with extra personnel, prepared to deal with any Y2K problems that were predicted to occur.

Respectfully submitted,
Phillip E. Blye, Fire Chief

**1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
Easton Police Department**

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To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I respectfully submit the Annual Report for the Year 1999.

I am pleased to report that overall most crime is continuing to decline. Our crime level is the lowest it has been in over five years. In twenty categories crime is down. Break & Entry Residences are down by 18, Break & Entry Businesses down by 7, and Larcenies under \$250 are down significantly. Larceny of Motor Vehicles and Larceny over \$250 are also down. Disturbances are down by 29. Animal complaints decreased from 725 calls to 525.

There has been slight increases in certain areas, Rape up from 3 to 4, Arrest for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs up from 35 to 42, Missing Persons are up to 61, Traffic Accidents were up by 67 and Fatalities went from 2 to 3.

Personal Injury Accidents are down to 102, the lowest in well over seven years. Part of the reason for this reduction is the increase in traffic citations issued which directly affects personal injury accidents.

Our department is continuing to apply for and receive State and Federal Grants. A special thanks to Sergeant John Lynn for coordinating our grant program.

State Community Oriented Policing Grant	\$ 50,000
Two State Grants for our D.A.R.E. Program	\$ 23,500
Cops More Grant	\$ 75,000
Copeland Fund Grant for D.A.R.E.	\$ 5,000
D.A.R.E. Summer Camp	\$ 10,500.
Federal Grant Violence against Women	\$ 50,000
State 2000 D.A.R.E. Grant	\$ 13,000
Donation from Olmstead School	\$ 350
State Police Vest Grant	\$ 789

With the Community Oriented Policing funds received, we are continuing our condo patrols and mountain bike patrols. Officer Denise Papagno also conducted two Safe Sitter courses. We had our first Senior Citizen Prom in coordination with our Triad program. Over two hundred senior citizens participated.

We are continuing with our own home page on our worldwide Internet system (www.eastonpd.com). Officer Eric Lundberg, one of our computer experts, has been assigned to work with the Attorney General on their High Tech Unit. Eric has made the decision to leave our department and work directly for the Attorney General. We will miss him and all he has done for our department. We wish him well.

We have continued conducting our Citizens Police Academy program. The program is presented by our Crime Prevention Officer Mark Ferretti and Detective Michael Fox. Officer Ferretti also has fifteen Neighborhood Watch groups. This program continues to be extremely effective.

Our D.A.R.E. program is right on track. Officer George Allen finished his first year as our D.A.R.E. Officer with excellence. We also conducted our D.A.R.E. camp for the fifth year.

Deputy Allen Krajcik and Sergeant John Lynn continue to be members of the Easton Dive Team along with Kevin Paicos and members of the Fire Department.

Deputy Chief Allen Krajcik is in charge of our accreditation program, which is making steady progress.

Our TRIAD program for seniors continues to progress in a successful manner. We organized several cookouts, a Christmas party and a tour of Dartmouth Prison and have had regular walking sessions for the seniors. Elizabeth Verity a senior citizen continues doing volunteer work here on a regular basis. A special thanks for her assistance.

Patrol Officer William Domenicucci has been continuing our local TV show called "Code Seven". This has been an excellent tool for getting information out to the general public. His technique of utilizing humor to put the message across is working as intended.

Officer Dwayne Farrell is in charge of our Intern program. This year we had four, three from Stonehill College and one from Wheaton College.

We have appointed one new officer, Keith Nunes. We also hired a new Dispatcher, Richard Graverly. We look forward to having them on our team.

Thanks to donations from the general public and businesses we purchased and trained our second canine, Dex, a Czechoslovakian German Shepherd. Rando, our first canine, was donated to Walpole prison. Officer Patrick Taylor our Canine Officer runs this important program.

Nancy Grant and Lois Welch our secretaries continue to do an excellent job managing the many facets of our organization. They are both optimistic and have professional attitudes regardless of the pressures they face on a daily basis.

A special thanks to the citizens of Easton and the many organizations and other departments that have assisted us.

MISSION STATEMENT

"The mission of the Easton Police Department is to protect life, property and the constitutional rights of all citizens. This can be achieved by working in harmony with the community we serve, committed to the conviction that by working together our community has the ability to form its own destiny."

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Stanley P. Bates

1999 STATISTICS

TOTAL INCIDENTS ----- 13,777

E 9-1-1 CALL VOLUME

Total Primary Calls Answered 3,597

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

Murder	0
Suicides	2
Attempted Suicides	9
Rapes	4
Robberies	2
Assault & Battery/Weapons	6
Assault & Battery	14

PROPERTY CRIMES

BREAK & ENTRIES

B & E Residence	28
B & E Motor Vehicle or Shed	66
B & E Business	18
B & E Attempts	16

LARCENIES

Larcenies over \$250	63
Larcenies under \$250	109
Larceny Attempts	2
Larceny of Motor Vehicles	25
Larceny of Motor Vehicle Attempts	3
Recovered Stolen Motor Vehicles	18
Shoplifting	13

ARRESTS 321

Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs	42
Protective Custody	24

MISCELLANEOUS TYPES

Domestic Disturbance	136
Disturbance	111
Disorderly Persons	6
Noise Complaints	200
General Service	1,157
Missing Persons	61
Vandalism	244
Alarms	2,074
Annoying Phone Calls	99
Animal Complaints	525
Motor Vehicle Lockouts	64
Juvenile Offenses	63

ACCIDENTS 680

Fatal Accidents	3
Property Damage Accidents	575
Personal Injury Accidents	102

PERMITS & CITATIONS

Citations	2,556
Pistol Permits Issued	183
Firearms I.D. Cards Issued	55

**1999 ANIMAL REPORT OF
THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

To Honorable Board of Selectmen,

Our Animal Control program has been conducted by our two part-time Animal Control Officers for over the last few years. Elizabeth DeRosa has been a great assistance to our team and with her assistance we have been able to deal with the increase demand for services. We are continuing to provide more than adequate services because of the great cooperation between the Police Department and our department. We are actively purging unlicensed dogs, as we have done in the past. By licensing our dogs we are assured that dogs are properly vaccinated for rabies. By having identification tags, dogs or cats hit by vehicles or lost can be properly identified. In the event a person is bitten or scratched needed information is readily available.

Nineteen animals were submitted to the State lab for rabies examinations, five cats, three dogs, eight bats, one woodchuck, one raccoon, and one fox. Although we had no positive cases, we must not let our guard down. The rabies virus is still around and active in our State. All bites and scratches by domestic and wildlife should be taken seriously, and medical attention sought immediately. We will continue to monitor for rabies, keeping the public informed.

ANIMAL CONTROL STATISTICS

Calls received	2435
Complaints	1252
General Information	1029
Missing Animals	154
Dogs picked up	74
Dead Animals	240

Fifty-six dogs were returned to their owners or adopted. Four dogs were turned over to rescue leagues. Thirty-two cats were turned over to the M.S.P.C.A. Seven dogs were euthanized. Every possible attempt is made to find homes for unwanted animals. Seven dogs were left in our kennel. The dead animals include those hit by cars, natural death, killed by other animals and euthanized

We are continuing to pursue owners of unlicensed dogs with hearings held at the Police station. This is part of the Police Department's efforts to reach out to the community, using a Community Oriented Policing Philosophy. Deputy Chief Allen Krajcik and I have conducted numerous hearings at the Police station. These hearings involve unlicensed, unleashed dogs, dog bites, and nuisance complaints. Together we have solved many complaints, saving the Selectmen and our courts valuable time. This also saves our citizens from going to Taunton District Court and missing work. These hearings have been a great success, reducing my appearances in court and raising revenue from uncollected dog license fees. Eight cases were settled in Taunton District Court.

We would like to thank the owners of animals who are in compliance with the license and leash laws.

Dead animals were; sixty-five cats, twenty-two squirrels, twenty-one deer, 20 opossums, 19 raccoons, eighteen dogs, seventeen skunks, twelve ducks, eleven foxes, ten bats, seven geese, four rabbits, three coyotes, two hawks, two woodchucks, two turkeys, one goat, one snake, one owl, one seagull, and one blue heron.

I would like to thank the Police Chief, Deputy Chief, dispatches, and all members of the Police Department, Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen, Town Clerks, Board of Health, Fire Department, and the Department of Public Works for their cooperation and support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
John Melin

**1999 ANNUAL REPORT OF
SELF HELP INCORPORATED**

REPORT TO THE TOWN OF EASTON

During the program year ending September 30, 1999, Self Help, Inc., received a total funding of approximately \$13.9M and provided direct services to 13,541 limited income households in the area.

In the Town of Easton, Self Help Inc. provided services totaling \$270,202 to 134 households during program year 1999.

The total funding of \$13,896,853 does not tell the real value of human services delivered to the area as a whole. Self Help's funding enabled us to mobilize an additional \$1,379,860 of other community resources such as, volunteers, donations of space, and private donations in the form of goods and services. Therefore, the gross value of Self Help Inc., during the past program year was \$15,276,713.

In addition, Self Help currently employs 262 individuals, many of whom are of limited income, minorities, and who reside in our service area.

We feel that October 1, 1998 through September 30, 1999 was a successful program year for us because we were able to assist as many limited income individuals and/or families as we did, regardless of the challenges of being a human service provider.

We thank all the volunteers, the Boards of Selectmen, the limited income representatives and the private sector representatives, for helping to make Fiscal Year 1999 a successful one.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Wang
Administrative Assistant

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
MONDAY, APRIL 26, 1999

In accordance with the Warrant, the voters of the Town met at their respective polling places on Monday, April 26, 1999. The polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

The following named persons were duly sworn and performed the duties of election officers:

Precinct One – J. Jacques Tremblay, Warden; Sandra Keach, Clerk; Robert McLaughlin, Isabel Silva, Ethel Gardner, Nicolina Previti, Albert Becker, Inspectors.

Precinct Two – Maureen Papineau, Warden; Jean Harney, Clerk; Dorothy Conceison, Joseph Camara, Virginia Sullivan, Eleanor Bridge, Virginia Corte, Martha Gomes, Joan Healey, Mary Jane Wood, Gathry Hall, Inspectors.

Precinct Three – Claire Willis, Warden; Kathleen Malley, Clerk; Evelyn Carlson, Patricia Dooley, Pamela Corbett, Rose Furlong, Ellen Clark, Inspectors.

Precinct Four – Elizabeth Porter, Warden; Constance Dumoulin, Clerk; Robert T. Leonard, Lorraine Anderson, Laetitia Tremblay, Catherine Becker, Marjorie Jumpe, Inspectors.

Precinct Five – Beverly Phillips, Warden; Helena Luxton, Clerk; Beverly Hanson, Mary Quattrucci, Blanche Hicks, E. Louise Vose, Mary Louise Newman, Inspectors.

Precinct Six – Mary Norrman, Warden; Anne Marie Martin, Clerk; Harvey Blackman, Marilyn Williams, Filimona Malcosky, William Sullivan, Inspectors.

Total Votes Cast:	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Total
	640	859	427	646	548	506	3626

Election Results:

SELECTMAN (Three Years) (Not More than Two)

William D. Hardin	307	465	194	314	315	264	1859
Leo R. Harlow	318	381	227	315	217	227	1685
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Blanks	15	13	6	17	16	14	81
Total	640	859	427	646	548	506	3626

ASSESSOR (Three Years) (One)

Gerard S. Marsan	450	610	320	460	372	369	2581
Write-Ins	7	8	1	3	1	2	22
Blanks	183	241	106	183	175	135	1023
Total	640	859	427	646	548	506	3626

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Three Years) (Not More than Two)

William P. Braun	401	536	267	417	324	327	2272
Caroline S. O'Neill	425	594	305	459	392	380	2555
Write-Ins	4	7	2	4	2	1	20
Blanks	450	581	280	412	378	304	2405
Total	1280	1718	854	1292	1096	1012	7252

BOARD OF HEALTH (Three Years) (One)

David E. Gardner	324	495	203	332	252	209	1815
Colin W. Gillis	80	103	51	83	96	107	520
Nestor P. Festin	14	8	9	9	10	1	51
John M. Pires	169	189	131	160	143	141	933
Write-Ins	1	1	0	0	0	1	3
Blanks	52	63	33	62	47	47	304
Total	640	859	427	646	548	506	3626

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Three Years) (Not More than Three)

Allen R. Barron	305	416	212	292	289	258	1772
Robert L. Hicks	333	441	215	314	295	261	1859
Dawn Marie Boynton	281	419	182	316	238	207	1643
Patrick A. Goodman	187	210	127	185	181	173	1063
Robert P. Mielde, Jr.	237	284	204	225	153	155	1258
Write-Ins	4	1	0	3	0	0	8
Blanks	573	806	341	603	488	464	3275
Total	1920	2577	1281	1938	1644	1518	10878

FINANCE COMMITTEE (One Year) (One)

Elyese F. Cicchetti	398	525	289	417	335	348	2312
Write-Ins	6	3	1	0	0	1	11
Blanks	236	331	137	229	213	157	1303
Total	640	859	427	646	548	506	3626

QUESTION 1 (RE: LIBRARY)

Yes	261	285	178	255	185	196	1360
No	355	547	237	380	334	297	2150
Blanks	24	27	12	11	29	13	116
Total	640	859	427	646	548	506	3626

QUESTION 2 (RE: SINGLE VENDOR)

Yes	177	221	80	152	141	153	924
No	428	575	329	471	377	327	2507
Blanks	35	63	18	23	30	26	195
Total	640	859	427	646	548	506	3626

A true record. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC, Town Clerk

TOWN OF EASTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 12, 1999

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton in the County of Bristol:
GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium in said Easton on Monday, the 12th day of April, next, at 7:00 P.M., then and there to act upon the following articles:

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m by Moderator Richard C. Dailey with quorum present.

Selectmen William Hardin then read the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, The legislators of the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have adopted an Act designating the last Friday in April as Arbor Day; and,
WHEREAS, The purpose of the designation of Arbor Day throughout the Nation is to encourage the planting of shade and forest trees, to encourage the harvesting of forest crops by approved conservation methods, and to encourage the protection of our forests from the scourge of devastating fires, insects and diseases that destroy the beauty and usefulness of our woodlands as well as their wildlife; and,
WHEREAS, Trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, produce oxygen, clean the air, and provide habitat for wildlife; and,
WHEREAS, Trees increase property values and beautify our community; and,
WHEREAS, Trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, and provide an enduring heritage to succeeding generations;

NOW THEREFORE, We, the Selectmen of the Town of Easton, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 30, 1999 as ARBOR DAY in the Town of Easton, and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and FURTHER, we urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

GIVEN, under our hand and seal of the Town of Easton this 12th day of April, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Nine.

*William D. Hardin, Chairman
Patricia E. Webster, Clerk
Jeffrey L. Tufts, Member
Frederick W. Clark, Member
Carla A. Goodwin, Member*

Selectman Hardin also stated that this is the 11th consecutive year that Easton has been named a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation. This year, Easton is also the recipient of a Tree City USA Growth Award. The Growth Award was created by the National Arbor Day Foundation to recognize environmental improvement and higher levels of tree care in Tree City USA communities.

Selectmen Hardin expressed his personal gratitude to Roger Hill, DPW Director and Tree Warden, and the entire staff of the Tree Division – Paul O'Neill, Crew Chief, Joshua Ford and Kenneth Martin. Their fine work has enabled this community to receive this national recognition.

The following list was voted admittance to the hall: Department Heads: Janet Andrus Linehan, Town Clerk; Anne Carney, Assistant Assessor; Wendy V. Nightingale, Town Accountant; Cynthia Curry, Treasurer/Collector; William Simmons, School Superintendent; Wade Saucier, Health Director; Roger Hill, DPW Director; Martha L. White, Assistant Town Administrator; Phillip E. Blye, Fire Chief; Marc Rousseau, Planner; Michael Deltano,

Information Systems Manager. Other Town Employees: Eric Davis, Data Processing; Peter Huie, Town Engineer; Richard Hayes, Central Maintenance Superintendent; Judy Fredericks, Assistant School Superintendent/Principal; Robert Smith and Andrew Miller, Principals; Annalee Bundy, Library Director; Anthony Correnti, Intern. Others: Jeff Russell, Andrea Hyatt, Bob Miklos, Frank Willey, Sharon Maynard, YMCA re Article 35; Fred Ames, Alexander Pires, Gil Bellamy, William Ames Curtright, Elaine Ames Thiemann and Marie Pires re Library Articles 19 and 20; Lukasz Wojdalski, Exchange Student; Fred Lewis, Easton Journal; Richard Murphy, Enterprise; Robert Creedon and JoAnne Sprage, State Senators; Geraldine Creedon and David Flynn, State Representatives; Lukas Schultze-Moderow and Andrew Winstanley, Microphone Carriers.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Selectmen, Town Administrator, Assessors, Board of Health, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Town Accountant, Director of Public Works, and other Departments, Boards and Committees of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) **UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector/Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal 2000, as permitted by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) **UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

ARTICLE 3. To appropriate by transfer from available funds received from the State pursuant to Ch. 113 of the Acts of 1996 the sum of \$488,725 for the construction, reconstruction or improvement of public roads and sidewalks, and to appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of \$15,000 for engineering design work related to said construction, reconstruction or improvement of public roads and sidewalks, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of said funds, and to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE STATE PURSUANT TO CH. 11 OF THE ACTS OF 1997 THE SUM OF \$488,725 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION OR IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC ROADS AND SIDEWALKS, AND TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM THE STABILIZATION FUND THE SUM OF \$15,000 FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN WORK RELATED TO SAID CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION OR IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC ROADS AND SIDEWALKS, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF SAID FUNDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. C.44, section 53E 1/2, to authorize the Building Department to establish a revolving fund for Fiscal 2000, which shall be accounted for separately from all other monies for the Town, to which shall be credited only departmental fees from Plumbing and Gas Permits to be known as the "Plumbing Inspector Account", and funds from said account may be paid out to the Plumbing and Gas Inspector of the Town of Easton, by the Building Inspector, with said fees to be expended for the salary and expenses of the Plumbing and Gas Inspector, and administrative costs related thereto without further appropriation, and with said authorization to be made upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund may be expended only for the purpose of paying the salary, expenses and overhead of the Plumbing and Gas Inspectors who are appointed by the Town Administrator.
2. Only fees received from Plumbing and Gas Permits shall be deposited in said account;
3. The Building Department shall be the only body authorized to expend such fund, and;
4. The amounts expended from the Fiscal 2000, "Plumbing and Gas Inspectors Account", shall not exceed the total receipts from fees received by the Building Department;
5. The anticipated revenue to be obtained during FY'00 is \$25,000.

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMAN PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF M.G.L. C.44, SECTION 53E 1/2, TO AUTHORIZE THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND FOR FISCAL 2000, AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 44, section 53E 1/2, to set up a revolving fund for Fiscal 2000, known as the "Conservation Chapter 227 Filing Fee Account", which shall be counted for separate from all other monies of the Town, and to which shall be deposited departmental fees and determinations, to pay for the reasonable costs and expenses, for supplies and services as deemed necessary by the Commission to aid it in making its decisions on such applications, or in enforcement cases where such applications should have been legally filed, or for other such enforcement actions, and for the administrative costs related thereto, with said departmental fees and receipts to be expended without appropriation, and with such authorization to be made upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund shall be expended only for the purpose of paying for supplies and services, and the administrative costs related thereto, as deemed necessary by the Commission to aid it in making its decisions on such conservation applications, or on necessary enforcement actions;
2. Only fees and receipts received from applicants for Conservation Permits, or Application for "Requests for Determination", shall be deposited in such account;
3. The Conservation Commission shall be the only Town body authorized to expend such fund, and
4. The amounts expended from Fiscal 2000, "Conservation Chapter 227 Filing Fee Account", shall not exceed the total fees and receipts received by the Conservation Commission, from Applicants for Conservation Permits, or Applicants for "Requests for Determination", during said Fiscal 2000 and the sums remaining in said account from other fiscal years;
5. The anticipated revenue to be obtained during FY'00 is \$25,000.
or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Conservation Commission)

VOTED TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, PURSUANT TO M.G.L. CH. 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, TO SET UP A REVOLVING FUND FOR FISCAL 2000, KNOWN AS THE "CONSERVATION CHAPTER 227 FILING FEE ACCOUNT", WHICH SHALL BE ACCOUNTED FOR SEPARATE FROM ALL OTHER MONIES OF THE TOWN, AND TO WHICH SHALL BE DEPOSITED DEPARTMENTAL FEES AND DETERMINATIONS, AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Planning & Zoning Board, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. 44, Section 53E 1/2, to set up a revolving fund for Fiscal 2000 known as the "Subdivision Inspection Fees Account", which shall be accounted for separate from all other moneys of the Town, and to which are to be deposited fees received from applicants for subdivision approval for inspections during construction, to pay for the reasonable costs and expenses of the Board for expert engineering and consultant services and administrative costs related thereto, as deemed necessary by the Board with said fees to be expended without further appropriation, and with such authorization to be made upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, and to specify as follows:

1. The revolving fund shall be expended only for the purpose of paying for the services of expert engineers and consultants, and related administrative cost, deemed necessary by the Board to pay for the reasonable costs and expenses of inspections during construction; and any other related expenses of the Planning and Zoning Board.
2. Only fees received from applicants for inspections during construction shall be deposited in such account.
3. The Planning & Zoning Board shall be the only Town body authorized to expend such fund, and;

4. The amounts expended from Fiscal 2000 "Subdivision Inspection Fees", shall not exceed the total fees received by the Planning and Zoning Board from applicants for subdivision inspections during said Fiscal 2000 and the sums remaining in said account from other fiscal years.

5. The anticipated revenue to be obtained during FY 00 is \$10,500.
or take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Planning and Zoning Board)

VOTED TO AUTHORIZE THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF M.G.L. 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, TO SET UP A REVOLVING FUND FOR FISCAL 2000 KNOWN AS THE "SUBDIVISION INSPECTION FEES ACCOUNT", WHICH SHALL BE ACCOUNTED FOR SEPARATE FROM ALL OTHER MONEYS OF THE TOWN, AND TO WHICH ARE TO BE DEPOSITED FEES RECEIVED FROM APPLICANTS FOR SUBDIVISION APPROVAL FOR INSPECTIONS DURING CONSTRUCTION, TO PAY FOR THE REASONABLE COSTS AND EXPENSES OF THE BOARD FOR EXPERT ENGINEERING AND CONSULTANT SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS RELATED THERETO, AS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE BOARD WITH SAID FEES TO BE EXPENDED WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION, AND WITH SUCH AUTHORIZATION TO BE MADE UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, AND TO SPECIFY AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE REVOLVING FUND SHALL BE EXPENDED ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING FOR THE SERVICES OF EXPERT ENGINEERS AND CONSULTANTS, AND RELATED ADMINISTRATIVE COST, DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE BOARD TO PAY FOR THE REASONABLE COSTS AND EXPENSES OF INSPECTIONS DURING CONSTRUCTION; AND ANY OTHER RELATED EXPENSES OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD.
2. ONLY FEES RECEIVED FROM APPLICANTS FOR INSPECTIONS DURING CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN SUCH ACCOUNT.
3. THE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD SHALL BE THE ONLY TOWN BODY AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND SUCH FUND, AND;
4. THE AMOUNTS EXPENDED FROM FISCAL 2000 "SUBDIVISION INSPECTION FEES", SHALL NOT EXCEED THE TOTAL FEES RECEIVED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD FROM APPLICANTS FOR SUBDIVISION INSPECTIONS DURING SAID FISCAL 2000 AND THE SUMS REMAINING IN SAID ACCOUNT FROM OTHER FISCAL YEARS.
5. THE ANTICIPATED REVENUE TO BE OBTAINED DURING FY 00 IS \$10,500.

UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement existing budgets for the fiscal year 1999 budget, or take any other action relative thereto.
(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF 225,000 OF WHICH \$157,500 WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM OVERLAY SURPLUS AND \$67,500 WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM FREE CASH FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPLEMENTING DEPARTMENT BUDGETS FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR (FY'99) IN THE AMOUNTS AND FOR THE PURPOSES LISTED BELOW:

TOWN COUNSEL	\$129,153
FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 44,136
BUILDING DEPARTMENT	\$ 4,700
SELECTMEN	\$ 5,000
CENTRAL MAINTENANCE	\$ 42,011
TOTAL	\$225,000

UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be placed in the Retired Employee's Health Insurance Fund or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) **DISMISSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the cost of sick-leave and/or vacation leave buy-back amounts, for employees retiring during FY'00, as well as other costs required to be paid at retirement by collective bargaining contract or by-law, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$24,220 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF VACATION BUY-BACK FOR CERTAIN FORMER EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be placed in the Stabilization Fund or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) **DISMISSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be placed in the Pension Reserve Fund pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 40, Sec. 5D or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) **DISMISSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to be placed in the Conservation Commission Fund previously established under Chapter 40 Section 5 of the Mass. General laws for use by the Conservation Commission in accordance with said General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Conservation Commission) **DISMISSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be placed in the Unemployment Compensation Fund or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) **DISMISSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for expenses related to the revaluation of property including consulting services, data processing services, related supplies and materials or any other expenses related to the revaluation of property as may be determined by the Board of Assessors, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Assessors)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM OVERLAY SURPLUS THE SUM OF \$45,000 TO PAY FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO THE REVALUATION OF PROPERTY INCLUDING CONSULTING SERVICES, DATA PROCESSING SERVICES, RELATED SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS OR ANY OTHER EXPENSES RELATED TO THE REVALUATION OF PROPERTY AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the cost of bills incurred in a prior fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) **DISMISSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds the sum of \$55,000 to pay on-going costs of cleaning-up a gasoline spill at the Police/fire Station on Lothrop Street and for necessary engineering and related expenses, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$55,000 TO PAY THE ON-GOING COSTS OF CLEANING-UP A GASOLINE SPILL AT THE POLICE/FIRE STATION ON LOTHROP STREET AND FOR NECESSARY ENGINEERING AND RELATED EXPENSES. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds, a sum of money to pay the costs of conducting a recognition and awards program for Town employees, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$6,500 TO PAY THE COSTS OF CONDUCTING A RECOGNITION AND AWARDS PROGRAM FOR TOWN EMPLOYEES. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to pay for legal fees incurred by the Chief of Police in defending himself against certain unfounded complaints relating to the Office of the Police Chief, and to determine whether the money shall be provided by taxation or by appropriation from available funds in the Treasury, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$4,097 TO PAY FOR LEGAL FEES INCURRED BY THE POLICE CHIEF IN DEFENDING HIMSELF AGAINST UNJUST CHARGES. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the April 8, 1996 appropriation of \$5,000,000 and authority for the Board of Selectmen to borrow \$5,000,000 for remodeling, reconstructing, making of repairs and construction of an addition to the existing library building at 53 Main Street, North Easton, Massachusetts, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Citizen Petition)

*A lengthy discussion took place upon a motion made by petitioner Anthony Pires to approve this article. During this discussion, Mr. Fred Ames of Essex and William Ames Curtright of Oregon requested permission to speak. A vote was taken and a unanimous vote allowed them to speak. Mr. Curtright informed the audience that he pledged \$30,000 for books and computers for the library. There was a motion to close debate, and it was a unanimous vote to close debate. There was a request for a Secret Ballot and more than 30 voters stood in favor. The following counters were duly sworn: Lennart Altieri, Marc Brockman, Christopher D'Arpino, John Kent, Brian Hoffman, Barry Dunkley, David Gardner, Paul Mullen, Jonathan Richman and Leo Turcotte. **THE VOTE WAS 148 YES, 336 NO. THE MOTION TO APPROVE THIS ARTICLE WAS NOT A VOTE.** A motion to RECONSIDER was NOT A VOTE.*

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the April 8, 1996 appropriation of \$5,000,000 and authority for the Board of Selectmen to borrow \$5,000,000 for remodeling, reconstructing, making of repairs and construction of an addition to the existing library building at 53 Main Street, North Easton, Massachusetts and to instead appropriate \$5,000,000 and the authority for the Board of Selectmen to borrow \$5,000,000 to construct a new library, or renovate an existing building for use as a library, in any location in Easton other than at or adjacent to 53 Main Street, North Easton, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Citizen Petition)
DISMISSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to transfer funds in the amount of \$2,930.00 from account 01-750-15-6011 to account 01-063-01-5111, said funds having been authorized by Article 29 of the April 13, 1998 Annual Town Meeting and, further, that said funds shall be used to pay the cost of sick and/or vacation leave buy-back for employees retiring during FY'99, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER THE SUM OF \$2,930.00 FROM ACCOUNT 01-750-15-6011 TO ACCOUNT 01-063-01-5111, SAID FUNDS HAVING BEEN AUTHORIZED BY ARTICLE 29 OF THE APRIL 13,

1998 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND, FURTHER, THAT SAID FUNDS SHALL BE USED TO PAY THE COST OF SICK AND/OR VACATION LEAVE BUY-BACK FOR EMPLOYEES RETIRING DURING FY'99. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from free cash the sum of \$3,344.00 for the purpose of administering the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Rabies Control Plan, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Health)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$3,344.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS RABIES CONTROL PLAN. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from free cash the sum of \$30,000.00 for the purpose of monitoring and investigating environmental issues that may pose a threat to the general public health, safety and welfare, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Health)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$30,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF MONITORING AND INVESTIGATING ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH THAT MAY POSE A THREAT TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from free cash the sum of \$12,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing furniture, carpet, paint and labor for the Board of Health office, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Health)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$12,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING FURNITURE, CARPET, PAINT AND LABOR FOR THE BOARD OF HEALTH OFFICE. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from free cash a sum of money to pay for costs related to resolving the so-called "Y2K Problem" including but not limited to, salaries and wages, data processing supplies and materials, and other expenses related to Y2K compliance and repair issues, and/or emergency response, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$20,000 TO PAY FOR COSTS RELATED TO RESOLVING THE SO-CALLED "Y2K PROBLEM" INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SALARIES AND WAGES, DATA PROCESSING SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS, AND OTHER EXPENSES RELATED TO Y2K COMPLIANCE AND REPAIR ISSUES, AND/OR EMERGENCY RESPONSE. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from free cash a sum of money to pay for costs related to resolving the so-called "Y2K Problem" including but not limited to computers and related appurtenances, computer software, consulting services, and other expenses related to Y2K compliance and repair issues, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$145,517 TO PAY FOR COSTS RELATED TO RESOLVING THE SO-CALLED "Y2K PROBLEM" INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO COMPUTERS AND RELATED APPURTENANCES, COMPUTER SOFTWARE, CONSULTING SERVICES, AND OTHER EXPENSES RELATED TO Y2K COMPLIANCE AND REPAIR ISSUES. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or the Easton Recreation Commission to file on behalf of the town any and all applications for grants and/or reimbursements from the

Commonwealth of Massachusetts deemed necessary under the Urban Self Help Program (Chapter 922, Acts of 1977) or other grant programs as appropriate in furtherance of the reconstruction of the municipal pool, and to enter into contract with any agency or other entity from which funds are awarded, and to accept any and all funds that may be awarded, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND/OR THE EASTON RECREATION COMMISSION TO FILE ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN ANY AND ALL APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS AND/OR REIMBURSEMENTS FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEEMED NECESSARY UNDER THE URBAN SELF HELP PROGRAM (CHAPTER 922, ACTS OF 1977) OR OTHER GRANT PROGRAMS AS APPROPRIATE IN FURTHERANCE OF THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE MUNICIPAL POOL, AND TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH ANY AGENCY OR OTHER ENTITY FROM WHICH FUNDS ARE AWARDED, AND TO ACCEPT ANY AND ALL FUNDS THAT MAY BE AWARDED. VOTED.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to purchase, acquire by gift, or take by Right of Eminent Domain the parcel of land as shown on a plan of land entitled "Main Street Reconstruction", on file with the Town Clerk's Office, and more particularly described in Part 3, and the expenses thereof, for the Layout, Alteration or Relocation of Main Street for Utility Purposes, and to determine whether the money shall be provided by Taxation, or by appropriation from available funds in the Treasury, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen) **DISMISSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout, alteration or relocation of Main Street for Utility Purposes, and its related easements, as made by the Board of Selectmen in a formal Order on File with the Town Clerk's Office, as shown on a Plan of Land Entitled "Main Street Reconstruction", or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO ACCEPT THE LAYOUT, ALTERATION OR RELOCATION OF MAIN STREET FOR UTILITY PURPOSES, AND ITS RELATED EASEMENTS, AS MADE BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IN A FORMAL ORDER ON FILE WITH THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE, AS SHOWN ON A PLAN OF LAND ENTITLED "MAIN STREET RECONSTRUCTION". UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will Vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, acting for and on behalf of the Town, to purchase, acquire by gift, or to take by right of eminent domain, the following described parcels of land, for the layout, alteration and relocation of Main Street for Utility purposes:

Parcel No. 1 (Deed Reference: Book 02562, Pg. 348)

A certain parcel of land at No. 265 Main Street consisting of 1,000 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Oliver Ames Parker, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 2 (Deed Reference:Book 1633, Pg. 1085)

A certain parcel of land at No. 235 Main Street consisting of 630 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by David and Patricia Jacobsen, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 3 (Deed Reference:Book 6688, Pg. 200)

A certain parcel of land at No. 225 Main Street consisting of 510 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Kenneth & Karin Kern, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 4 (Deed Reference. Book 3358, Pg. 185)

A certain parcel of land at No. 219 Main Street consisting of 650 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Mary Jane Augustine, Trustee of the gray Family Irrevocable Trust, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 5 (Deed Reference. Book 4496, Pg. 0024)

A certain parcel of land at No.193 and 201 Main Street consisting of 5,800 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Roman Catholic Bishop of Fall River, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 6 (Deed Reference. Book 5957, Pg. 174)

A certain parcel of land at No. 215 Main Street consisting of 950 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Daniel and Mary Ryan, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 7 (Deed Reference. Book 1606, Pg. 818)

A certain parcel of land at No. 211-1/2 Main Street consisting of 250 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Thomas and Dorothea Mailander, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 8 (Deed Reference. Book 5261, Pg. 163)

A certain parcel of land at No. 211 Main Street consisting of 720 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Robert and Lynne Pratt, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 9 (Deed Reference. Book 4657, Pg. 0008)

A certain parcel of land at No. 209 Main Street consisting of 700 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Gerard and Lisa Kenney, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 10 (Deed Reference. Book 5930, Pg. 218)

A certain parcel of land at No. 229 Main Street consisting of 500 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by North Easton Savings Bank, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 14 (Deed Reference. Book 5358, Pg. 0281)

A certain parcel of land at 231 Main Street consisting of 1,300 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Anthony Pires and Elizabeth Kenney, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 15 (Deed Reference Book 6165, Pg. 166)

A certain parcel of land at No. 205 Main Street consisting of 640 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Catherine Harvey and Mary Rose Garfagna, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 16 (Deed Reference. Book 6309, Pg.0002)

A certain parcel of land at No. 153 Main Street consisting of 1250 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Francis X. Decoste, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction", prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 17 (Deed Reference. Book 3815, Pg. 0102)

A certain parcel of land at No. 139 Main Street consisting of 900 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Joseph and Florine Freitas, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 18 (Deed Reference. Book 4204, Pg. 187)

A certain parcel of land at No. 8 Williams Street consisting of 1,300 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Paula Joyce , as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 19 (Deed Reference. Book 1447, Pg. 1120)

A certain parcel of land at No. 149 Main Street consisting of 600 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Chester and Maureen Raymo, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 20 (Deed Reference Book 2158, Pg. 0180)

A certain parcel of land at No. 101 Main Street consisting of 1,300 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Douglas A. King, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 21 (Deed Reference Book 6389, Pg. 0221)

A certain parcel of land at No. 2 Center Street, consisting of 650 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Richard Connolly, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Parcel No. 38 (Deed Reference Book 2158, Pg. 0180)

A certain parcel of land at No. 91 Main Street, consisting of 1,000 square feet, more or less purported to be owned by Anthony and Elizabeth Kenney, as shown on a plan entitled Main Street Reconstruction, prepared by Hoyle, Tanner and Associates.

Or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

AMENDED. It was voted to added the word "easement" after between "utility" and "purposes". It was also voted to add "Pires" after "Anthony" to Parcel No. 38 to make it consistent with Parcel No. 14. VOTED TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN ACTING FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN TO PURCHASE, ACQUIRE BY GIFT OR TAKE BY RIGHT OF EMINENT DOMAIN THE PARCELS OF LAND AS DESCRIBED AND PRINTED IN THE WARRANT FOR THE LAYOUT, ALTERATION AND RELOCATION OF MAIN STREET FOR UTILITY EASEMENT PURPOSES. UNANIMOUS VOTE AS AMENDED.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to accept the nonbinding reports of the Planning & Zoning Board concerning its recommendations in regard to the proposed amendments of the Zoning By-Law and Zoning Map to be voted on under Articles 31-36, or take any other action relative thereto. (Vote hereunder is acceptance of the written report, but not of recommendations contained therein). (Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board)
UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton, Massachusetts Zoning Map dated March 19, 1997 (original date March 7, 1973), which has been updated, and adapt an updated map entitled "Town of Easton, Massachusetts Zoning Map," dated April 12, 1999, a copy of the updated zoning map being on file in the Town Clerk's Office, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board)

VOTED TO AMEND THE TOWN OF EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS ZONING MAP DATED MARCH 19, 1997 (ORIGINAL DATE MARCH 7, 1973), WHICH HAS BEEN UPDATED, AND ADAPT AN UPDATED MAP ENTITLED "TOWN OF EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS ZONING MAP," DATED APRIL 12, 1999, A COPY OF THE UPDATED ZONING MAP BEING ON FILE IN THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to accept the proposed amendment of the "Zoning By Law of the Town of Easton" by:

In SECTION II, DEFINITIONS, under the definition of "LOT," after the words "defined in" delete "Article 29, Town of Easton Zoning By Law" and replace with "Chapter 227 (Wetlands Protection), Code of the Town of Easton."

the definition of LOT will read as follows:

"LOT - An uninterrupted contiguous tract of land, excluding streams, ponds, wetlands as defined in Chapter 227 (Wetland Protection), Code of the Town of Easton and Chapter 131, Sec. 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws, flood plain, and detention / retention basins, held in the same ownership throughout, and defined by bounds or lot lines ascertainable by recorded deed or plan."

or take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board)

VOTED TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE "ZONING BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF EASTON" BY:

IN SECTION II, DEFINITIONS, UNDER THE DEFINITION OF "LOT," AFTER THE WORDS "DEFINED IN" DELETE "ARTICLE 29, TOWN OF EASTON ZONING BY LAW" AND REPLACE WITH "CHAPTER 227 (WETLANDS PROTECTION), CODE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON."

THE DEFINITION OF LOT WILL READ AS FOLLOWS:

"LOT - AN UNINTERRUPTED CONTIGUOUS TRACT OF LAND, EXCLUDING STREAMS, PONDS, WETLANDS AS DEFINED IN CHAPTER 227 (WETLAND PROTECTION), CODE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AND CHAPTER 131, SEC. 40 OF THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, FLOOD PLAIN, AND DETENTION / RETENTION BASINS, HELD IN THE SAME OWNERSHIP THROUGHOUT, AND DEFINED BY BOUNDS OR LOT LINES ASCERTAINABLE BY RECORDED DEED OR PLAN."

UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton, Massachusetts Zoning Map dated March 19, 1997 (original date March 7, 1973) as follows:

By changing the zoning of certain parcels of land now owned by The Town of Easton under the control of The Conservation Commission, and described as follows, to Municipal & Open Space:

1. Parcel A-2 shown on Assessor's Map R8-20 consisting of 21.042 acres located at 118 Blackbrook Road.
2. Parcel shown Assessor's Map R9-1 consisting of 14.46 acres located at 135 Eastman Street.
3. Parcel 60C shown on Assessor's Map R8-285 consisting of 6 acres, more or less, located at 130R Blackbrook Road.
4. 276 Bay Road shown on Assessor's Map R8-372 consisting of 44+1- acres.
5. 10 Joseph Road shown on Assessor's Map U51-56 consisting of 5.84 acres.

6. Parcel B as shown on the subdivision plan known as "Mill Pond Estates" consisting of 9.386 acres and being a part of R4-40.

7. Parcel A as shown on the subdivision plan known as "Mill Pond Estates" consisting of 6.664 acres and being a part of R4-40.

8. Lot 3 Poquanticut Avenue consisting of 9.59 acres and being a part of R7-23.

or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Planning & Zoning Board)

VOTED TO AMEND THE TOWN OF EASTON, MASSACHUSETTS ZONING MAP DATED MARCH 19, 1997 (ORIGINAL DATE MARCH 7, 1973) AS FOLLOWS: BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND NOW OWNED BY THE TOWN OF EASTON UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, AND DESCRIBED AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton Massachusetts Zoning Map, dated March 19, 1997 (original date March 7, 1973) as follows:

By changing the zoning of a certain parcel of land now owned by the Town of Easton under the control of the Board of Selectmen, said property known as the Lincoln Street Intermediate School (a/k/a/ Easton Middle School). Located at 10 Lincoln Street and shown on the Town of Easton Assessors Map no. U16 as Lot no. 98, from Municipal and Open Space to Business for the purpose of developing the property in accordance with the Purchase and Sale Agreement between the Town of Easton and Douglas A. King, or take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

AMENDED. Amended "the Purchase and Sale Agreement" to "a Purchase and Sale Agreement. Also, the location of the property was corrected in the motion to read 8 Lincoln Street, not 10. VOTED TO AMEND THE TOWN OF EASTON MASSACHUSETTS ZONING MAP, DATED MARCH 19, 1997 (ORIGINAL DATE MARCH 7, 1973) AS FOLLOWS: BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND NOW OWNED BY THE TOWN OF EASTON UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, SAID PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE LINCOLN STREET INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (A/K/A/ EASTON MIDDLE SCHOOL). LOCATED AT 8 LINCOLN STREET AND SHOWN ON THE TOWN OF EASTON ASSESSORS MAP NO. U16 AS LOT NO. 98, FROM MUNICIPAL AND OPEN SPACE TO BUSINESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING THE PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF EASTON AND DOUGLAS A. KING. YES 140. NO 33. VOTE CARRIED. A motion to RECONSIDER was NOT A VOTE.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town of Easton will amend zoning by changing the zoning of a certain parcel of land owned by Claire M. and Howard D. Evans and described as follows:

1.10 acres, shown on Assessor's Map U-45, Lot 43, located at 455 Foundry Street, adjacent to Shaw's Supermarket and the existing Business zone, from Residential to Business, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Submitted by Citizen Petition) **DISMISSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to accept Turner Lane as a public way from station 0+00 to station 5+50 (end) as shown on a plan of land entitled Turner Estates II, drafted by Ribelin land Surveyors, dated June 18, 1993, as approved by the Planning and Zoning Board on October 20, 1993 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern district Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 2388, pages 305,306 or take any other action relative thereto.

The acceptance of said Lane shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "as built acceptance plan of land" and "deed of gift", together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the office of the Planning and Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such Lane acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning and Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Citizen Petition)

VOTED TO ACCEPT TURNER LANE AS A PUBLIC WAY FROM STATION 0+00 TO STATION 5+50 (END) AS SHOWN ON A PLAN OF LAND ENTITLED TURNER ESTATES II, DRAFTED BY RIBELIN LAND SURVEYORS, DATED JUNE 18, 1993, AS APPROVED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD ON OCTOBER 20, 1993 AND RECORDED WITH THE BRISTOL COUNTY NORTHERN DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS, PLAN BOOK 2388, PAGES 305,306.

*THE ACCEPTANCE OF SAID STREET OR WAY SHALL BE CONTINGENT UPON THE OWNER THEREOF HAVING FILED THE REQUIRED "AS BUILT ACCEPTANCE PLAN OF LAND" AND "DEED OF GIFT", TOGETHER WITH A PAYMENT IN FULL OF ALL RECORDING FEES AND COSTS, WITH THE OFFICE OF THE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD AT LEAST THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THE TOWN MEETING AT WHICH SUCH STREET ACCEPTANCE IS TO BE ACTED UPON. ALL DEFICIENCIES WITHIN THE SUBDIVISION SHOULD BE CORRECTED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE ENGINEERING DIVISION AND THE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO TOWN MEETING. **UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to accept Saddle Drive Extension as a public way from station 0+00 to station end as shown on a plan of land entitled Saddle Drive Extension, by Hawyard Boynton & Williams, dated September 18, 1984 and approved by the Planning and Zoning Board on October 2, 1985 and recorded in the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 1605 pages 566 or take any other action relative thereto.

The acceptance of said Lane shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "as built acceptance plan of land" and "deed of gift", together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the office of the Planning and Zoning Board at least sixty (60) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such Lane acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning and Zoning Board sixth (60) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Citizen Petition)

*VOTED TO ACCEPT SADDLE DRIVE EXTENSION AS A PUBLIC WAY FROM STATION 0+00 TO STATION END AS SHOWN ON A PLAN OF LAND ENTITLED SADDLE DRIVE EXTENSION, BY HAWYARD BOYNTON & WILLIAMS, AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. **UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, Robin Lane, as a public way from station 0+00 to station 03+65 as shown on a plan entitled Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land, Applewood, drafted by J. K. Holmgren & Associates Inc., dated April 6, 1995 as approved by the Planning and Zoning Board on October 11, 1995 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 354 at pages 48 to 52, or take any other action relative thereto.

The acceptance of said Lane shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "as built acceptance plan of land" and "deed of gift", together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the office of the Planning and Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such Lane acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning and Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Citizen Petition)

*VOTED TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING NAMED STREET OR WAY, ROBIN LANE, AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. **UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, SPUR #1, as a public way from station 0+00 to station 03+53.05 as shown on a plan entitled Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land, Applewood, drafted by J. K. Holmgren & Associates, Inc., dated April 6, 1995 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 354 at pages 48 to 52, or take any other action relative thereto.

The acceptance of said Lane shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "as built acceptance plan of land" and "deed of gift", together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the office of the Planning and Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such

Lane acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning and Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Citizen Petition)

VOTED TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING NAMED STREET OR WAY, SPUR #1, AS A PUBLIC WAY FROM STATION 0+00 TO STATION 03+53.05 AS SHOWN ON A PLAN ENTITLED DEFINITIVE SUBDIVISION PLAN OF LAND, APPLEWOOD, DRAFTED BY J. K. HOLMGREN & ASSOCIATES, INC., DATED APRIL 6, 1995 AND RECORDED WITH THE BRISTOL COUNTY NORTHERN DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN PLAN BOOK 354 AT PAGES 48 TO 52.

*THE ACCEPTANCE OF SAID LANE SHALL BE CONTINGENT UPON THE OWNER THEREOF HAVING FILED THE REQUIRED "AS BUILT ACCEPTANCE PLAN OF LAND" AND "DEED OF GIFT", TOGETHER WITH A PAYMENT IN FULL OF ALL RECORDING FEES AND COSTS, WITH THE OFFICE OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD AT LEAST THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THE TOWN MEETING AT WHICH SUCH LANE ACCEPTANCE IS TO BE ACTED UPON. ALL DEFICIENCIES WITHIN THE SUBDIVISION SHOULD BE CORRECTED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE ENGINEERING DIVISION AS OF TOWN MEETING. **UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, PENNY LANE, as a public way from station 0+00 to station 11+70 as shown on a plan entitled Strawberry Fields, A Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land, drafted by Ribelin Land Surveyors, Inc., dated January 26, 1996 as approved by the Planning and Zoning Board on July 10, 1996 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 356 at Pages 44 to 48, or take any other action relative thereto.

The acceptance of said Lane shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "as built acceptance plan of land" and "deed of gift", together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the office of the Planning and Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such Lane acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning and Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Citizen Petition)

VOTED TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING NAMED STREET OR WAY, PENNY LANE, AS A PUBLIC WAY FROM STATION 0+00 TO STATION 11+70 AS SHOWN ON A PLAN ENTITLED STRAWBERRY FIELDS, A DEFINITIVE SUBDIVISION PLAN OF LAND, DRAFTED BY RIBELIN LAND SURVEYORS, INC., DATED JANUARY 26, 1996 AS APPROVED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD ON JULY 10, 1996 AND RECORDED WITH THE BRISTOL COUNTY NORTHERN DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN PLAN BOOK 356 AT PAGES 44 TO 48.

*THE ACCEPTANCE OF SAID LANE SHALL BE CONTINGENT UPON THE OWNER THEREOF HAVING FILED THE REQUIRED "AS BUILT ACCEPTANCE PLAN OF LAND" AND "DEED OF GIFT", TOGETHER WITH A PAYMENT IN FULL OF ALL RECORDING FEES AND COSTS, WITH THE OFFICE OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD AT LEAST THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THE TOWN MEETING AT WHICH SUCH LANE ACCEPTANCE IS TO BE ACTED UPON. ALL DEFICIENCIES WITHIN THE SUBDIVISION SHOULD BE CORRECTED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE ENGINEERING DIVISION WITHIN 45 DAYS OF THE CONCLUSION OF THE TOWN MEETING. **VOTED.***

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, CHRISTINA DRIVE, as a public way from station 10+00 to station 15+50 as shown on a plan entitled Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land, Applewood, Drafted by J. K. Holmgren & Associates Inc., dated April 6, 1995 as approved by the Planning and Zoning Board on October 11, 1995 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 354 at Pages 48 to 52, or take any other action relative thereto.

The acceptance of said Lane shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "as built acceptance plan of land" and "deed of gift", together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the office of the Planning and Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such Lane acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning and Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Citizen Petition)

*VOTED TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING NAMED STREET OR WAY, CHRISTINA DRIVE, AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. **UNANIMOUS VOTE.***

*The quorum was questioned and Moderator Dailey declared that a quorum was not present. It was moved to Adjourn to Tuesday, April 13, 1999. An Amendment was made to May 3, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. At 11:00 p.m., the main motion as amended was **VOTED to ADJOURN to Tuesday, May 3, 1999** at 7:30 p.m. in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium. Total Voters Present this evening – 512.*

A true record. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC, Town Clerk

NOTICE OF ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, April 13, 1999

Be it known that the Annual Town Meeting held Monday, April 12, 1999 was duly adjourned to:

MONDAY, MAY 3, 1999 AT SEVEN THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

In the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium to see what action the town will take in respect to:

ARTICLES 43 – 54, inclusive

And any all matters that may legally come before the meeting.

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC, Town Clerk

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 3, 1999

*At 8:00 p.m. Deputy Moderator John A Keach, Jr. declared that no quorum was present. A motion was made to recess until 7 p.m. on the 10th of May. An amendment to that motion was made for an alternate date of June 14th at 7:00 p.m. A standing count was taken on the amendment. The vote was 64 yes and 38 no. At 8:05 p.m., the amended main motion was **VOTED to adjourn until 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 14th**. Total voters present – 133.*

A true record. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC, Town Clerk

NOTICE OF ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, May 4, 1999

Be it known that the Annual Town Meeting held Monday, April 12, 1999 was duly adjourned to May 3, 1999 and further adjourned to:

MONDAY, JUNE 14, 1999 AT SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

In the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium to see what action the town will take in respect to:

ARTICLES 43 – 54, inclusive

And any all matters that may legally come before the meeting.

Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC, Town Clerk

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Monday, June 14, 1999

The Adjourned Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. with quorum present. The following non-voters were voted admittance to the hall: Tim Lavallee, Easton Journal; James Hager, Superintendent of the Southeastern Regional School District; Mark and Carolyn Carpentier, 31 King Arthur Road; Shaw Weston, 181 Howard Street; and Joanne & Kenneth Donahue, 48 Prospect Street, new residents.

An announcement was made regarding the "Water Saving" Lawn Care Program being held on Tuesday, June 22, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sharon Community Center. The program is sponsored by the Sharon Water Department and the Easton Water Department in cooperation with the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee.

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, ABBEY ROAD as a public way from station 0+00 to station 2+55 as shown on a plan entitled Strawberry Fields, a Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land, drafted by Ribelin Land Surveyors, Inc., dated January 26, 1996 as approved by the Planning and Zoning Board on July 10, 1996 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 356 at Pages 44 to 48, or take any other action relative thereto.

The acceptance of said Lane shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "as built acceptance plan of land" and "deed of gift", together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the office of the Planning and Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such Lane acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning and Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Citizen Petition)

VOTED TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING NAMED STREET OR WAY, ABBEY ROAD AS A PUBLIC WAY FROM STATION 0+00 TO STATION 2+55 AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT.

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named Street or Way, OLD COUNTRY WAY, as a public way from station 0+00 to station 10+00.51 as shown on a plan entitled Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land, Applewood, drafted by J. K. Holmgren & Associates Inc., dated April 6, 1995 as approved by the Planning and Zoning Board on October 11, 1995 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 354 at Pages 48 to 52, or take any other action relative thereto.

The acceptance of said Lane shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "as built acceptance plan of land" and "deed of gift", together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the office of the Planning and Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such Lane acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning and Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Citizen Petition)

VOTED TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING NAMED STREET OR WAY, OLD COUNTRY WAY, AS A PUBLIC WAY FROM STATION 0+00 TO STATION 10+00.51 AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer, such sums as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing Fiscal Year including the salaries of the several elected and appointed officers of the Town, and make appropriations for same, or take any other action relative thereto. (See Budget at end of Warrant). (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$37,741,908 OF WHICH \$34,806,834 SHALL BE RAISED BY TAXATION, \$2,194,958 SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FROM WATER RECEIPTS, \$431,477 SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FROM OFFSET RECEIPTS, \$40,000 SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE PENSION RESERVE FUND, \$118,639 SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE CONSERVATION FUND, AND \$150,000

SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FROM FREE CASH, ALL FOR THE PURPOSES OF PAYING THE COST OF THE FY'00 OPERATING BUDGET.

<u>FD-DPT</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT NAME</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
01-003	SELECTMAN	\$ 363,487
01-007	TOWN COUNSEL	168,031
01-011	FINANCE COMMITTEE	4,500
01-013	RESERVE FUND	40,000
01-025	ACCOUNTANT	117,995
01-029	ASSESSORS	161,153
01-033	TOWN COLLECTOR-TREASURER	287,771
01-039	TOWN CLERK	171,662
01-051	DATA PROCESSING	181,992
01-063	PLANNING AND ZONING	93,962
01-101	POLICE	2,607,525
01-103	FIRE	2,051,009
01-104	AMBULANCE	325,997
01-105	FIRE ALARM	19,199
01-113	BUILDING DEPARTMENT	149,505
01-225	SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL	256,170
01-300	DPW ADMINISTRATION	2,133,861
01-487	CONSERVATION COMMISSION	33,587
01-501	BOARD OF HEALTH	215,353
01-531	COUNCIL ON AGING	131,088
01-551	VETERANS DEPARTMENT	92,462
01-600	RECREATION DEPARTMENT	58,397
01-601	RECREATION-POOL	31,096
01-625	LIBRARY	285,010
01-700	MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST	2,919,256
01-750	UNCLASSIFIED	4,157,664
61-500	WATER DIVISION	1,694,391
01-200	SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	<u>18,989,785</u>
TOTAL BUDGET		\$ 37,741,908

The following line items were held for discussion: Selectmen, Recreation and Library. There was a motion on the Selectmen's line to reduce the amount to \$314,552 which would take out the Personnel Director. After discussion, the Amendment was not a vote. The full amount for the Selectmen was VOTED AT \$363,487. Regarding Recreation, there was a motion made to reduce the amount by \$1,800 and make a sub-category for the Yardley Rink. The Moderator ruled this motion out of order. The full amount for the Recreation Department was VOTED AT \$58,397. **UNANIMOUS VOTE.** Regarding the Library budget, the hold was placed so that the question if the library will be closed for 14 months during construction could be answered. Donna Richman, Library Board, informed the audience that no decision has been made. The hold was removed by the Finance Committee. Another motion to reduce the budget by \$285,010 to 0 (zero) was NOT A VOTE. The Library Budget was fully VOTED AT \$285,010.

ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to purchase, acquire by gift, or take by Right of Eminent Domain a parcel of land more fully and particularly described as follows for the purpose of a public way the expenses therefor, and to determine whether the money shall be provided by Taxation, or by appropriation from available funds in the Treasury, or take any other action relative thereto:

KENNEDY CIRCLE

Beginning at a point on the Southeasterly side of Kennedy Circle, said point being at the beginning of the street acceptance of Kennedy Circle at station 20+00 as shown on "Street Acceptance Plan, Kennedy Circle, Easton, Massachusetts dated June 8, 1976, revised July 2, 1976 by Hayward Boynton and Williams, Surveyors, Civil Engineers; thence

S36°56'40"W, a distance of five hundred twenty seven and 83/100 feet (527.83'); thence

SOUTHWESTERLY, by a curve to the left with a radius of eighty and 00/100 feet (80.00') and an arc length of eighty five and 78/100 feet (85.78'); thence

S24°29'40"E, a distance of two hundred eighty five and 42/100 feet (285.42') to land now or formerly of Frank Briguglio; thence by land now or formerly of said Briguglio

S65°30'20"W, a distance of forty and 00/100 feet (40.00'); thence

N24°29'40"W, a distance of two hundred eighty five and 42/100 feet (285.42'); thence

NORTHEASTERLY, by a curve to the right with a radius of one hundred twenty and 00/100 feet (120.00') and an arc length of one hundred twenty eight and 68/100 feet (128.68'); thence

N36°56'40"E, a distance of five hundred twenty seven and 83/100 feet (527.83'); thence

S53°03'20"E, a distance of forty and 00/100 feet (40.00') to the point of beginning.
(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

*VOTED TO TAKE BY RIGHT OF EMINENT DOMAIN A PARCEL OF LAND MORE FULLY AND PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: KENNEDY CIRCLE, AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT.
UNANIMOUS VOTE.*

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to purchase, acquire by gift, or take by Right of Eminent Domain a parcel of land more fully and particularly described as follows for the purpose of a public way the expenses therefor, and to determine whether the money shall be provided by Taxation, or by appropriation from available funds in the Treasury, or take any other action relative thereto:

MARSHALL ROAD

Beginning at a point of curvature on the northwesterly side of Union Street; thence

NORTHEASTERLY, by a curve to the left with a radius of twenty and 00/100 feet (20.00') and an arc length of thirty one and 42/100 feet (31.42'); thence

N16°21'00"W, a distance of one hundred and 00/100 feet (100.00'); thence

NORTHWESTERLY, by a curve to the right with a radius of two hundred two and 80/100 feet (202.80') and an arc length of seventy two and 68/100 feet (72.68'); thence

N04°11'00"E, a distance of four hundred ninety nine and 80/100 feet (499.80'); thence

N02°49'00"W, a distance of two hundred seventy nine and 74/100 feet (279.74'); thence

NORTHEASTERLY, by a curve to the right with a radius of ninety and 05/100 feet (90.05') and an arc length of fifty two and 44/100 feet (52.44'); thence

N30°33'00"E, a distance of about one hundred forty five feet (145+/-) to land now or formerly of Wendell Bemis; thence

NORTHEASTERLY, more or less, by land of said Bemis by two courses about fifty feet (50'+/-) to a corner of land now or formerly of Burton Noyes; thence

S30°33'00"W, a distance of two hundred thirty seven and 35/100 feet (237.35) to a point of curvature; thence

SOUTHWESTERLY, by a curve to the left with a radius of fifty and 05/100 feet (50.05') and an arc length of twenty nine and 15/100 feet (29.15'); thence

S02°49'00"E, a distance of two hundred eighty two and 18/100 feet (282.18'); thence

S04°11'00"W, a distance of five hundred two and 25/100 feet (502.25'); thence

SOUTHEASTERLY, by a curve to the left with a radius of one hundred sixty two and 80/100 feet (162.80') and an arc length of fifty eight and 34/100 feet (58.34'); thence

S16°21'00"E, a distance of one hundred and 00/100 feet (100.00'); thence

SOUTHEASTERLY, by a curve to the left with a radius of twenty and 00/100 feet (20.00') and an arc length of thirty one and 42/100 feet (31.42') to a point on the northwesterly side of Union Street; thence

S73°39'00"W, by Union Street a distance of eighty and 00/100 feet (80.00') to the point of beginning.
(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO TAKE BY RIGHT OF EMINENT DOMAIN A PARCEL OF LAND MORE FULLY AND PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: MARSHALL ROAD AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 48. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to purchase, acquire by gift, or take by Right of Eminent Domain a parcel of land more fully and particularly described as follows for the purpose of a public way the expenses therefor, and to determine whether the money shall be provided by Taxation, or by appropriation from available funds in the Treasury, or take any other action relative thereto:

KENNETH ROAD

Beginning at a point of curvature on the westerly side of Marshall Road; thence

NORTHWESTERLY, by a curve to the left with a radius of seventy three and 91/100 feet (73.91') and an arc length of one hundred thirty eight and 11/100 feet (138.11'); thence

S77°07'00"W, a distance of five hundred sixty and 67/100 feet (560.67'); thence

N17°23'00"W, a distance of two hundred thirty seven and 74/100 feet (237.74'); thence

NORTHWESTERLY, by a curve to the left with a radius of fifty seven and 50/100 feet (57.50') and an arc length of eighty five and 80/100 feet (85.80') to a point on the southerly side of Calvin Road; thence

N77°07'00"E, by Calvin Road a distance of one hundred forty three and 28/100 feet (143.28'); thence

SOUTHWESTERLY, by a curve to left with a radius of forty six and 22/100 feet (46.22') and an arc length of seventy six and 23/100 feet (76.23'); thence

S17°23'00"E, a distance of one hundred fifty and 77/100 feet (150.77'); thence

SOUTHEASTERLY, by a curve to the left with a radius of fifty four and 09/100 feet (54.09') and an arc length of eighty and 72/100 feet (80.72'); thence

N77°07'00"E, a distance of five hundred thirty and 80/100 feet (530.80'); thence

NORTHEASTERLY, by a curve to the left with a radius of fifty nine and 66/100 feet (59.66') and an arc length of eighty three and 23/100 feet (83.23') to a point on the westerly side of Marshall Road; thence

S02°49'00"E, by Marshall Road a distance of ninety and 63/100 feet (90.63'); thence

S04°11'00"W, by Marshall Road a distance of one hundred and 00/100 feet (100.00') to the point of beginning.
(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO TAKE BY RIGHT OF EMINENT DOMAIN A PARCEL OF LAND MORE FULLY AND PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: KENNETH ROAD AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 49. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to purchase, acquire by gift, or take by Right of Eminent Domain a parcel of land more fully and particularly described as follows for the purpose of a public way the expenses therefor, and to determine whether the money shall be provided by Taxation, or by appropriation from available funds in the Treasury, or take any other action relative thereto:

CAROLINE ROAD

Beginning at a point of curvature on the southeasterly side of Kennedy Circle, said point being S36°56'40"W, a distance of thirty eight and 76/100 feet (36.76') from the beginning of the street acceptance of Kennedy Circle at station 20+00 as shown on "Street Acceptance Plan, Kennedy Circle, Easton, Massachusetts dated June 8, 1976, revised July 2, 1976 by Hayward-Boynton and Williams, Surveyors, Civil Engineers; thence

SOUTHERLY, more or less, by a curve to the left having a radius of sixty and 00/100 feet (60.00') and an arc length of sixty four and 34/100 feet (64.34'); thence

S24°29'40"E, a distance of six hundred fifty four and 99/100 feet (654.99'); thence

SOUTHEASTERLY, by a curve to the right having a radius of two hundred and forty feet (240.00') and an arc length of ninety nine and 01/100 feet (99.01'); thence

S00°51'30"E, a distance of nine hundred forty nine and 23/100 feet (949.23'); thence

SOUTHEASTERLY, by a curve to the left having a radius of twenty five feet (25.00') and an arc length of forty two and 36/100 feet (42.36') to a point of tangency on the northerly side of Kennedy Circle, said point being S82°04'00"W, three hundred twenty one and 76/100 feet (321.76') from the end of a curve on Lot 54 shown on the aforementioned "Street Acceptance Plan of Kennedy Circle"; thence by Kennedy Circle

S82°04'00"W, a distance of ninety and 69/100 feet (90.69'); thence

NORTHEASTERLY, by a curve to the left with a radius of twenty five feet (25.00') and an arc length of thirty six and 18/100 feet (36.18'); thence

N00°51'30"W, a distance of nine hundred sixty and 39/100 feet (960.39'); thence

NORTHWESTERLY, by a curve to the left with a radius of two hundred and 00/100 feet (200.00') and an arc length of eighty two and 51/100 feet (82.51'); thence

N24°29'40"W, a distance of five hundred sixty seven and 90/100 feet (567.90'); thence

NORTHWESTERLY, by a curve to the left with a radius of sixty and 00/100 feet (60.00') and an arc length of one hundred twenty four and 16/100 feet (124.16') to a point on the southeasterly side of Kennedy Circle; thence

N36°56'40"E, by the southeasterly side of Kennedy Circle a distance of one hundred eighty two and 17/100 feet (182.17') to the point of beginning.
(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO TAKE BY RIGHT OF EMINENT DOMAIN A PARCEL OF LAND MORE FULLY AND PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: CAROLINE ROAD AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 50. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to purchase, acquire by gift, or take by Right of Eminent Domain a parcel of land more fully and particularly described as follows for the purpose of a public way the expenses therefor, and to determine whether the money shall be provided by Taxation, or by appropriation from available funds in the Treasury, or take any other action relative thereto:

CALVIN ROAD

Beginning at a point of curvature on the westerly side of Marshall Road; thence

NORTHWESTERLY, more or less, by a curve to the left with a radius of forty one and 91/100 feet (41.91') and an arc length of seventy three and 19/100 feet (73.19'); thence

S77°07'00"W, a distance of eight hundred eighteen and 13/100 feet (818.13') to land now or formerly of Herman Halvarson; thence

NORTHERLY, more or less, by land now or formerly of said Halvarson to a fence post; said post being twenty two and 02/100 feet (22.02') distant from a stone bound at a corner of a stonewall at a corner of land now or formerly of Wendell Bemis, all as shown on plan entitled "Plan No. 3 of Lots for Old Road Realty Corp. Easton, Mass." Dated January 21, 1955; thence

WESTERLY, more or less, by land now or formerly of said Halvarson to Washington Street; thence

NORTHERLY, more or less, by Washington Street, about forty feet (40'+/-); thence

EASTERLY, more or less, by a line that is forty feet (40.00') distant from and parallel to the westerly course by land of Halvarson to a stonewall; thence

SOUTHERLY, more or less, by said stone wall and land of Wendell Bemis to the westerly end of the northerly sideline of Calvin Road as shown on said plan; thence

N77°07'00"E, a distance of eight hundred fifty and 24/100 feet (850.24'); thence

NORTHEASTERLY, by a curve to the left with a radius of one hundred sixteen and 19/100 feet (116.19') and an arc length of ninety four and 43/100 feet (94.43') to a point on the northwesterly side of Marshall Road; thence

S30°33'00"W, by Marshall Road a distance of sixty one and 57/100 feet (61.57'); thence

SOUTHWESTERLY, by Marshall Road and a curve to the left with a radius of ninety and 05/100 feet (90.05') and an arc length of fifty two and 44/100 feet (52.44'); thence

S02°49'00"E, by Marshall Road a distance of thirty five and 20/100 feet (35.20') to the point of beginning. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO TAKE BY RIGHT OF EMINENT DOMAIN A PARCEL OF LAND MORE FULLY AND PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: CALVIN ROAD AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 51. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Easton Chapter 202, Article II Street Opening by deleting and replacing section 202-15 Insurance as follows:

202-15

The Permit Holder and/or each Licensed Contractor shall acquire and continuously maintain while it possesses any Street Opening Permits liability insurance coverage on all personnel and equipment to be used in the Street Opening Work which insurance is to be with insurance companies licensed to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and shall contain the following coverage's and be in the following minimum amounts:

Commercial General Liability Insurance - including operation, independent contractors, complete operations for a period of one (1) year from completing the street opening work, XCU hazards, broad form property damage and personal injury.

General Aggregate:	\$2,000,000.00
Products and complete operations:	
Aggregate	\$2,000,000.00

Personal & Advertising injury (note no combined single limit)	\$1,000,000.00
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Automobile Liability Insurance-Covers owned, non-owned and hired vehicles

Combined Single Limit	\$1,000,000.00 each person
Property Damage Liability	\$ 250,000.00 each accident

Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability

Bodily Injury by Disease	\$ 500,000.00 policy limit
Bodily Injury by Disease	\$ 100,000.00 each employee

Certificates of Insurance shall provide for at least thirty (30) days notice to the Awarding Authority of cancellation or material change. The name of the municipality shall be listed as an additional insured on the Certificate of Insurance.

(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON CHAPTER 202, ARTICLE II STREET OPENING BY DELETING AND REPLACING SECTION 202-15 INSURANCE AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. MAJORITY VOTE.

ARTICLE 52. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Easton Chapter 202, Article III, Public Works Construction by deleting and replacing section 202-25 Insurance as follows:

202-25

The Permit Holder and/or each Licensed Contractor shall acquire and continuously maintain while it possesses any Street Opening Permits liability insurance coverage on all personnel and equipment to be used in the Street Opening Work which insurance is to be with insurance companies licensed to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and shall contain the following coverage's and be in the following minimum amounts:

Commercial General Liability Insurance - including operation, independent contractors, complete operations for a period of one (1) year from completing the street opening work, XCU hazards, broad form property damage and personal injury.

General Aggregate:	\$2,000,000.00
Products and complete operations:	
Aggregate	\$2,000,000.00
Personal & Advertising injury (note no combined single limit)	\$1,000,000.00

Automobile Liability Insurance-Covers owned, non-owned and hired vehicles

Combined Single Limit	\$1,000,000.00 each person
Property Damage Liability	\$ 250,000.00 each accident

Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability

Bodily Injury by Disease	\$ 500,000.00 policy limit
Bodily Injury by Disease	\$ 100,000.00 each employee

Certificates of Insurance shall provide for at least thirty (30) days notice to the Awarding Authority of cancellation or material change. The name of the municipality shall be listed as an additional insured on the Certificate of Insurance.

(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON CHAPTER 202, ARTICLE III, PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION BY DELETING AND REPLACING SECTION 202-25 INSURANCE AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 53. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of the Town of Easton by adding a new Chapter 210, to be entitled Tobacco, Article 1, Possession and Use by Minors, as follows:

Because the Easton Board of Selectman of the Town of Easton, Massachusetts finds it in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of its citizens to prohibit the possession and use of tobacco products by minors under the age of eighteen (18) the following law shall be enacted as follows:

Possession of a minor under the age of eighteen (18) of any smoking material, chewing tobacco, or any tobacco like substance of any kind, is prohibited in any public area, building, street, or school zoned area.

Smoking of any kind, or chewing of tobacco, or like substances by a minor under the age of eighteen (18) is prohibited in any public area, street, building, or school zoned area.

Smoking of any kind, or chewing of tobacco, or like substances by a minor under the age of eighteen (18) is prohibited in any public area, street, building, or school zoned area pursuant to Mass General Law Ch. 270, Section 22.

(Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

NOT A VOTE.

ARTICLE 54. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

At 8:47 p.m. it was VOTED to DISSOLVE the Annual Town Meeting. Total Voters Present – 291.

A true record. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC, Town Clerk

And you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections, residing in Precincts One, Two and Four to meet at the Junior High School Gymnasium, Columbus Avenue; those residing in Precincts Three, Five and Six to meet at the Covenant Congregational Church, 204 Center Street, on Monday the 26th day of April, 1999 at 7:00 in the forenoon to bring their votes all on one ballot for one Selectmen for a term of three years; One Assessor for a term of three years; Two School Committee members for terms of three years; One Board of Health member for a term of three years; Three Finance Committee members for terms of three years; One Finance Committee member for a term of one year; and to vote on the following non-binding public advisory questions: Question 1. Do you wish to build a new library a new location and leave the Ames Free Library intact as it is? Yes No; Question 2. Do you favor the Town of Easton entering into a contract for a single trash collection vendor? Yes. No.

The polls will be opened at 7:00 A.M. and shall be closed at 8:00 P.M.

You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at each meeting house and post office and one at the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium and one at the Town Offices, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return on this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting and said Town Clerk is hereby required to make return of the Warrant to the Warden or Deputy Warden at the time and place of holding said meeting for the election of officers, and said Warden is hereby required to make return on the Warrant to the Town Clerk, together with his return of officers elected, at the close of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 8th day of March in the year Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Nine.

William D. Hardin, Chairman
Patricia E. Webster, Clerk
Frederick W. Clark
Jeffrey L. Tufts
Carla A. Goodwin
EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Bristol, ss. Easton, Mass. March 18, 1999
By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day posted attested copies of this Warrant.
John D. Melin, Constable of Easton

A true copy. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF EASTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1999**

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton in the County of Bristol:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Oliver Ames High School Gymnasium in said Easton on Monday, the 22nd day of November, at 7:00P.M., then and there to act upon the following articles.

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. with quorum present. The following non-registered department heads and others were voted admittance to the hall: Janet Andrus Linehan, Town Clerk; Anne Carney, Assistant Assessor; Wendy V. Nightingale, Town Accountant; Cynthia Curry, Treasurer/Collector; William Simmons, School Superintendent; Wade Saucier, Health Director; Roger Hill, DPW Director; Martha L. White, Assistant Town Administrator; Phillip E. Blye, Fire Chief; Marc Rousseau, Planner; Michael Deltano, Information Systems Manager; Peter Huie, Town Engineer; Richard Hayes, Central Maintenance Superintendent; Judy Fredericks, Assistant School Superintendent; Michael Green, Assistant to Superintendent; Wesley Paul, School Principal; Robert Smith, School Principal; Gary Mazzola, School Principal; Annalee Bundy, Library Director; Anthony Correnti, Intern; Eric Davis, Data Processing; Robert Gilmore re Street Accepanctes; James Hager, Superintendent Southeastern Regional School District; Sergei Sidorov and Nadezda Slanova, Russian business people visiting Easton residents Irene Sinteff & Craig Cowles of 307 Bay Rd through Dept. of State Program Community Connections, US Aid, International Development; Tim Lavallee, Easton Journal; Robyn Souza, Media One; Richard Murphy, Enterprise; State Senator Robert Creedon; State Representative Geraldine Creedon; State Senator JoAnne Sprague; State Representative David Flynn; Brian D'Andrea, child; Yolande Pellerin, 10 Harvestwood Ln; Andrea Croak and Julie Bickerstaff of Stonehill College for state certification; Debra Stevens, 251 Depot Street; Matt Nolan, Microphone Carrier.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement existing budgets for the fiscal year 2000 budgets, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$691,747 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPLEMENTING BUDGETS FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, OF WHICH \$583,000 SHALL BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED AND \$108,747 SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FROM FREE CASH ALL FOR THE PURPOSES NOTED BELOW:

1) TOWN POOL	\$ 15,000
2) LIBRARY	\$ 75,000
3) POLICE DEPT.	\$ 19,628
4) TOWN ACCOUNTANT	\$ 2,500
5) SCHOOL DEPARTMENT:	
A. TRANSPORTATION	\$ 10,000
B. SPED	105,000
C. BUDGET	<u>150,000</u>
SUB-TOTAL	\$265,000

6) DEBT & INTEREST		\$ 62,619
7) GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE		\$200,000
8) DPW		
A. ENGINEERING	\$ 27,000	
B. CENTRAL MAINT.	<u>25,000</u>	
SUB-TOTAL		<u>\$ 52,000</u>
	TOTAL	\$691,747

UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay expenses related to a celebration of the Town's 275th anniversary including but not limited to parade expenses, the cost of musical entertainment, promotional events and materials, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$25,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING EXPENSES RELATED TO CELEBRATION OF THE 275TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PARADE EXPENSES, MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT, AND PROMOTIONAL EVENTS AND MATERIALS.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to be placed in the Stabilization Fund, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

DISMISSED.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to be placed in the Pension Reserve Fund, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

DISMISSED.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to be placed in the Conservation Fund, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

AMENDED. VOTED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$25,000 TO BE PLACED IN THE CONSERVATION FUND. **UNANIMOUS VOTE.** (An original vote to raise and appropriate \$150,000 to be placed in the Conservation Fund was **RECONSIDERED AND AMENDED** to reduce the amount by \$125,000 to \$25,000.)

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay the cost of bills incurred in a prior fiscal year, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$1,557.15 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING BILLS INCURRED IN A PRIOR FISCAL YEAR. **UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer a sum of money for the purpose of purchasing a parcel of land for conservation purposes under the provisions of MGL Ch. 40, and bond issuance costs, said land identified as Parcel "A" shown on a certain plan of land entitled "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Lewis Farms, Easton, MA", Lot Layout Sheet 3, Surveyed for Misty Brook Realty Corp., dated September 8, 1998, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Conservation Commission)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE \$115,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING A PARCEL OF LAND OR CONSERVATION PURPOSES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF G.L. C.40, INCLUDING BOND ISSUANCE AND OTHER RELATED COSTS, SAID LAND IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL "A" SHOWN ON A CERTAIN PLAN OF LAND ENTITLED "DEFINITIVE SUBDIVISION PLAN OF LEWIS FARMS, EASTON MASSACHUSETTS", LOT LAYOUT SHEET 3, SURVEYED FOR MISTY BROOK REALTY CORP., DATED SEPTEMBER 8, 1998; THAT TO MEET THIS APPROPRIATION THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW \$115,000 UNDER CHAPTER 44 OF THE GENERAL LAWS; AND THAT THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION IS AUTHORIZED TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS PROJECT. **UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to amend article 36 of the Annual Town Meeting of April 13, 1998, so that it will read as follows: "I move to raise and appropriate the sum of \$368,988 and to appropriate by transfer from overlay surplus the sum of \$98,012 for the design, construction, maintenance, repair, replacement, addition to or alteration of Town buildings and properties, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO TRANSFER THE UNUSED SUM OF MONEY APPROPRIATED UNDER ARTICLE 36 OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF APRIL 13, 1998, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$467,000, FOR A SIMILAR PURPOSE PURSUANT TO M.G.L. CHAPTER 44, SECTION 33B, WITH SUCH PURPOSE BEING THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, REPLACEMENT, ADDITION TO OR ALTERATION OF TOWN OWNED BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from water surplus, the sum of \$90,000 for the purpose of purchasing a new hydraulic service truck, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM WATER SURPLUS THE SUM OF \$90,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING A NEW HYDRAULIC SERVICE TRUCK. **UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, or appropriate by borrowing under the provisions of MGL Ch. 44 a sum of money for the purpose of installing water main and appurtenances on Depot Street and Purchase Street, and for all surveys, engineering, legal, design and other related studies and activities, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE \$1,100,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING WATER MAINS AND RELATED APPURTENANCES ON DEPOT STREET AND PURCHASE STREET, INCLUDING BOND ISSUANCE AND OTHER RELATED COSTS; THAT TO MEET THIS APPROPRIATION THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW 1,100,000 UNDER CHAPTER 44 OF THE GENERAL LAWS; AND THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS PROJECT. **UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer, or appropriate by borrowing under the provisions of MGL Ch. 44, a sum of money to pay for a new ambulance and related equipment, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$105,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING A NEW AMBULANCE. **UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds the following sums of money for the departments and purposes noted:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Police	Cruisers (3)	\$ 90,000
Fire	Defibrillators (2)	\$ 38,000
Fire	Vehicle Exhaust System	\$ 39,500
DPW	Drainage Improvements	\$100,000
Fire/Police	Telephone Upgrades	\$ 27,000
Fire	New Station design fee	\$ 20,000
DPW	Street Sweeper	\$ 95,000
School	Technology k-3, 7-12	\$ 75,000
DPW-Highway	L800 Sander	\$ 75,000
School	Rebuild tennis courts	\$100,000
DPW	Playground improvements	\$ 25,000
DPW-Highway	4 wheel drive utility vehicle	\$ 30,000
Police	4 wheel drive utility vehicle	\$ 38,000

(Submitted by Town Adm./Capital Planning Committee)

AMENDED. VOTED TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$592,500 OF WHICH \$525,000 WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM FREE CASH AND \$67,500 WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM OVERLAY SURPLUS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING CAPITAL EXPENSES AS LISTED BELOW:

1) POLICE CRUISERS (4)	\$120,000
2) DEFIBRILLATORS – FIRE DEPT.	\$ 38,000
3) VEHICLE EXHAUST SYSTEM FIRE DEPT.	\$ 39,500
4) DRAINAGE – DPW	\$100,000
5) STREET SWEEPER – DPW	\$ 95,000
6) SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY	\$ 75,000
7) PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS & REBUILD TENNIS COURTS	<u>\$125,000</u>
TOTAL	\$592,500

(An original motion of \$467,500 total, with \$400,000 coming from Free Cash and \$67,500 from Overlay Surplus was amended several times with discussion on adding back the \$25,000 to Playground Improvements and \$100,000 for Tennis Courts). The final main motion as amended was as reported above. Then a motion to reconsider Article 12 was NOT A VOTE.)

IN LIGHT OF THE VOTE UNDER ARTICLE 12, IT WAS THEN MOVED AND VOTED TO RECONSIDER ARTICLE 5. THE FINAL MAIN MOTION AND VOTE WAS TO REDUCE TO \$25,000 THE AMOUNT GOING INTO THE CONSERVATION FUND AS REPORTED UNDER ARTICLE 5.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate by transfer from available funds, or appropriate by borrowing under the provisions of MGL Ch. 44, the sum of \$200,000 for design, engineering and installation of a new HVAC system, including all ancillary facilities and appurtenances for the Water Division building at 417 Bay Road, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

AMENDED. VOTED TO APPROPRIATE 200,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REMODELING, RECONSTRUCTING AND MAKING EXTRAORDINARY REPAIRS TO THE WATER DIVISION BUILDING AT 417 BAY ROAD, CONSISTING OF THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW HVAC SYSTEM, INCLUDING ALL ANCILLARY FACILITIES AND APPURTENANCES, DESIGN AND ENGINEERING COSTS, AND BOND ISSUANCE AND OTHER RELATED COSTS; THAT TO MEET THIS APPROPRIATION THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW \$200,000 UNDER CHAPTER 44 OF THE GENERAL LAWS; AND THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS PROJECT. PLANS ARE TO BE REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE. MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED - **UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

(The Amendment added the following: "Plans are to be reviewed and approved by the Municipal Building Committee.")

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for legal, consulting and other costs related to the continued opposition to the proposed extension of commuter rail services to and through the Town of Easton, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$40,000 TO PAY ALL LEGAL COSTS, AS WELL AS THE COST OF ENGINEERING, ENVIRONMENTAL, HISTORICAL, PUBLIC SAFETY AND OTHER RELATED STUDIES, ALL FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPPOSING THE EXTENSION OF COMMUTER RAIL SERVICES TO AND THROUGH THE TOWN.

A motion to RECONSIDER Article 14 was NOT A VOTE.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept an additional grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs through the Department of Environmental Management for the purpose of making repairs to the Rockery and for studies and engineering related thereto, with the total additional grant amount being \$100,000 for FY 1999, and further to raise, appropriate or transfer from available funds the amount of \$20,000 (to be combined with prior local appropriations totaling \$39,230) as the Town's matching funds as required by the grant award, and further that the Town Treasurer be authorized to borrow the sum of \$100,000 in anticipation of the receipt of State grant funds pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Ch. 44, Sec. 6A, and further that the Selectmen be and are hereby authorized to enter into contracts to accept grant funding provided under the Historic Landscape Preservation grant Program, as authorized by the Acts and Resolves of 1996, Ch. 15, Sec. 32 and by the Acts and Resolves of 1987 Ch. 564, Sec. 2. For the purpose of reimbursing the Town for the cost of making repairs to the Rockery and for studies and engineering related thereto, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO ACCEPT AN ADDITIONAL GRANT FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING REPAIRS TO THE ROCKERY AND FOR

STUDIES AND ENGINEERING RELATED THERETO, WITH THE TOTAL ADDITIONAL GRANT AMOUNT BEING \$100,000, AND FURTHER TO APPROPRIATE BY TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 (TO BE COMBINED WITH PRIOR LOCAL APPROPRIATIONS TOTALING \$39,230) AS THE TOWN'S MATCHING FUNDS AS REQUIRED BY THE GRANT AWARD, AND FURTHER THAT THE TOWN TREASURER BE AUTHORIZED TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$100,000 IN ANTICIPATION OF THE RECEIPT OF STATE GRANT FUNDS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAW CH. 44, SEC. 6A, AND FURTHER THAT THE SELECTMEN BE AND ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING PROVIDED UNDER THE HISTORIC LANDSCAPE PRESERVATION GRANT PROGRAM, AS AUTHORIZED BY THE ACTS AND RESOLVES OF 1996, CH. 15, SEC. 32 AND BY THE ACTS AND RESOLVES OF 1987 CH. 564, SEC. 2, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REIMBURSING THE TOWN FOR THE COST OF MAKING REPAIRS TO THE ROCKERY AND FOR STUDIES AND ENGINEERING RELATED THERETO. *UNANIMOUS VOTE.*

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money, for Comprehensive Wastewater Management Planning; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise; and to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Board of Selectmen)

VOTED TO APPROPRIATE \$350,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING A COMPREHENSIVE WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLANNING PROJECT, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ALL COSTS THEREOF AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1 OF CHAPTER 29C OF THE GENERAL LAWS; THAT TO MEET THIS APPROPRIATION THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW \$350,000 AND ISSUE BONDS OR NOTES THEREFOR UNDER CHAPTER 44 OF THE GENERAL LAWS AND/OR CHAPTER 29C OF THE GENERAL LAWS; THAT SUCH BONDS OR NOTES SHALL BE GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE TOWN UNLESS THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DETERMINES THAT THEY SHOULD BE ISSUED AS LIMITED OBLIGATIONS AND MAY BE SECURED BY LOCAL SYSTEM REVENUES AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1 OF CHAPTER 29C; THAT THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW ALL OR A PORTION OF SUCH AMOUNT FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT TRUST ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 29C; THAT THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW ALL OR A PORTION OF SUCH AMOUNT FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT TRUST ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 29C AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT AND/OR SECURITY AGREEMENT WITH THE TRUST AND OTHERWISE TO CONTRACT WITH THE TRUST AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WITH RESPECT TO SUCH LOAN AND FOR ANY FEDERAL OR STATE AID AVAILABLE FOR THE PROJECT OR FOR THE FINANCING THEREOF; AND THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OR OTHER APPROPRIATE LOCAL BODY OR OFFICIAL IS AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO A PROJECT REGULATORY AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, TO EXPEND ALL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE PROJECT, AND TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PROJECT. *UNANIMOUS VOTE.*

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, SIERRA DRIVE as a public way from station 0+0 to station 6+0 as shown on a plan entitled "Sierra Hills Definitive Subdivision of Land", drafted by Hayward-Boynton & Williams, Inc., dated December 4, 1984 revised through June 6, 1985 as approved by the Planning and Zoning Board on August 21, 1985 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 224 at Pages 9, 10, 11, or take any other action relative thereto.

The acceptance of said Drive shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "as built acceptance plan of land" and "deed of gift", together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs,

with the office of the Planning and Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such Drive acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning and Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Citizen Petition)

VOTED TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING NAMED STREET OR WAY, SIERRA DRIVE AS A PUBLIC WAY FROM STATION 0+0 TO STATION 6+0 AS SHOWN ON A PLAN ENTITLED "SIERRA HILLS DEFINITIVE SUBDIVISION OF LAND", DRAFTED BY HAYWARD-BOYNTON & WILLIAMS, INC., DATED DECEMBER 4, 1984 REVISED THROUGH JUNE 6, 1985 AS APPROVED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD ON AUGUST 21, 1985 AND RECORDED WITH THE BRISTOL COUNTY NORTHERN DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN PLAN BOOK 224 AT PAGES 9, 10, 11, OR TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION RELATIVE THERETO. THE ACCEPTANCE OF SAID DRIVE SHALL BE CONTINGENT UPON THE OWNER THEREOF HAVING FILED THE REQUIRED "AS BUILT ACCEPTANCE PLAN OF LAND" AND "DEED OF GIFT", TOGETHER WITH A PAYMENT IN FULL OF ALL RECORDING FEES AND COSTS, WITH THE OFFICE OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE DATE OF TOWN MEETING AT WHICH THE VOTE IS APPROVED. ACCEPTANCE IS FURTHER CONDITIONAL UPON ALL DEFICIENCIES IN THE SUBDIVISION BEING CORRECTED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE EASTON DPW DIRECTOR AND THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD WITHIN 45 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE TOWN MEETING AT WHICH THIS VOTE IS APPROVED. **VOTED.**

*ARTICLES 18, 19, 20, 21 AND 22 WERE ALL VOTED TOGETHER WITH THE SAME CONTINGENCIES AS ARTICLE 17. **VOTED.***

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, SIERRA DRIVE as a public way from station 6+0 to station 20+25.12 as shown on a plan entitled "Sierra Hills II" Definitive Subdivision of Land, drafted by Hayward-Boynton & Williams, Inc., dated March 9, 1987 revised through December 29, 1987 as approved by the Planning and Zoning Board on February 24, 1988 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 268 at Page 51, or take any other action relative thereto.

The acceptance of said Drive shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "as built acceptance plan of land" and "deed of gift", together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the office of the Planning and Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such Drive acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning and Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Citizen Petition)

VOTED WITH CONTINGENCES SAME AS ARTICLE 17.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, HEIDI ROAD as a public way from station 13+84.19 to station 14+73.09 as shown on a plan entitled "Sierra Hills II" Definitive Subdivision of Land, drafted by Hayward-Boynton & Williams, Inc., dated March 9, 1987 revised through January 7, 1988 as approved by the Planning and Zoning Board on February 24, 1988 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 268 at Page 51, or take any other action relative thereto.

The acceptance of said Road shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "as built acceptance plan of land" and "deed of gift", together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the office of the Planning and Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such Road acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning and Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Citizen Petition)

VOTED WITH CONTINGENCES SAME AS ARTICLE 17.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, WALLACE DRIVE as a public way from station 0+22.61 to station 6+0 as shown on a plan entitled "Sierra Hills II" Definitive Subdivision of Land, drafted by Hayward-Boynton & Williams, Inc., dated March 9, 1987 revised through January 7, 1988 as approved by the Planning and Zoning Board on February 24, 1988 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 268 at Page 51, or take any other action relative thereto.

The acceptance of said Drive shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "as built acceptance plan of land" and "deed of gift", together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the office of the Planning and Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such Drive acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning and Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Citizen Petition)

VOTED WITH CONTINGENCES SAME AS ARTICLE 17.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, WALLACE DRIVE as a public way from station 6+0 to station 7+36.68 as shown on a plan entitled "Sierra Hills" III Definitive Subdivision of Land, drafted by Hayward-Boynton & Williams, Inc., dated October 3, 1988 revised through November 7, 1989, as approved by the Planning and Zoning Board on September 12, 1990 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 305 at Pages 20, 21, 22, or take any other action relative thereto.

The acceptance of said Drive shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "as built acceptance plan of land" and "deed of gift", together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the office of the Planning and Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such Drive acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning and Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Citizen Petition)

VOTED WITH CONTINGENCES SAME AS ARTICLE 17.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following named street or way, OLDFIELD DRIVE as a public way from station 0+00 to station 19+61.45 as shown on a plan entitled "Sierra Hills" III Definitive Subdivision of Land, drafted by Hayward-Boynton & Williams, Inc., dated October 3, 1988 revised through November 7, 1989, as approved by the Planning and Zoning Board on September 12, 1990 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 305 at Pages 20, 21, 22, or take any other action relative thereto.

The acceptance of said Drive shall be contingent upon the owner thereof having filed the required "as built acceptance plan of land" and "deed of gift", together with a payment in full of all recording fees and costs, with the office of the Planning and Zoning Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the Town Meeting at which such Drive acceptance is to be acted upon. All deficiencies within the subdivision should be corrected to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division and the Planning and Zoning Board thirty (30) days prior to Town Meeting. (Submitted by Citizen Petition)

VOTED WITH CONTINGENCES SAME AS ARTICLE 17.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to accept the non-binding reports of the Planning and Zoning Board concerning its recommendation in regard to the proposed amendments of the Zoning By-Law and Zoning Map to be voted on under Articles 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, or take any other action relative thereto. (Vote hereunder is acceptance of the written report, but not of recommendations contained therein). (Submitted by Planning and Zoning Board)

UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ARTICLES 24, 25, 26 AND 27 WERE ALL **DISMISSED** UNDER ONE MOTION.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton Zoning By-Law, specifically, to insert a new Section 7-4 therein, said Section 7-4 to be entitled "Estate Lots," and said Section to read as follows:

7-4 Estate lots.

The Planning and Zoning Board may grant a special permit for development on a lot in the Residential District with less than the required amount of frontage, according to the criteria for "estate lots" as set forth herein. Estate lots shall comply with all of the General Requirements set forth in subsection A below, and with the requirements for pre-existing estate lots or newly-created estate lots in subsections B or C, as applicable.

A) General Requirements

- 1) The applicant shall submit an Approval Not Required plan under the Subdivision Control Law depicting the estate lot and the conforming lots (if any). The Approval Not Required Plan shall take the place of the plan otherwise required for special permit applications.*
- 2) A building area shall be designated on the plan, and the width of the estate lot at the widest portion of the building area shall equal or exceed the number of feet normally required for street frontage in the district.*
- 3) Lot width for the estate lot shall at no point be less than 40 feet, and lot frontage shall be not less than 40 feet. Frontage shall meet all of the requirements contained in the definition for "frontage" in Section II, herein.*
- 4) Front, rear, and side yard depths shall equal or exceed those required in the district.*

B) Pre-Existing Estate Lots

A pre-existing lot lacking the minimum frontage requirement for the district may be utilized for any use permitted in the district provided that all of the following conditions are met for the estate lot:

- 1) The area of the estate lot shall be at least three times the minimum area normally required for the district.*
- 2) The estate lot shall have existed in separate ownership from any abutting lot as of October 1, 1999. Documentation to this effect shall be submitted to the Planning and Zoning Board. The Building Inspector shall not issue a building permit for any estate lot without first establishing that compliance with this provision has been determined by the Planning and Zoning Board.*

C) Creation of New Estate Lots

A lot may be divided into an estate lot and one or more lots each of which conforms to all applicable dimensional regulations in Section 6.3 and as defined in Section II, provided that all of the following conditions can be met for the estate lot:

- 1) The area of the estate lot shall be at least double the minimum area normally required for the district.*

- 2) *Not more than one (1) estate lot shall be created from a lot, or a set of contiguous lots held in common ownership as of October 1, 1999. Documentation to this effect shall be submitted to the Planning and Zoning Board along with the application for Approval Not Required Plan under the Subdivision Control Law. The Building Inspector shall not issue a building permit for any estate lot without first establishing that compliance with this provision has been determined by the Planning and Zoning Board.*
- 3) *At the time of the creation of the estate lot, it shall be held in common and contiguous ownership with the front lot from which the estate lot is proposed to be created.*
- 4) *The sight distance at the intersection of the estate lot driveway and the street shall be such as to provide for safety to all vehicular traffic.*
- 5) *The existing drainage patterns shall not be disrupted by the construction of a driveway on the reduced frontage portion of the estate lot. A grading and sloping plan, showing existing and proposed conditions, shall be submitted with the special permit application to demonstrate compliance with this requirement*

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 or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Growth Management Study Committee)

DISMISSED.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton Zoning By-Law, specifically, to amend Section II - Definitions, by inserting a new definition for the term "Lot Frontage" to read as follows:

***LOT FRONTAGE:** The boundary of a lot coinciding with the street line, being an unbroken distance along (a) a public way or a way which is maintained and used as a public way, or (b) a way shown on an approved subdivision plan, or (c) a way in existence when the subdivision control law became effective in the Town of Easton. Actual access to the potential building site through the frontage shall be required unless otherwise exempted herein. A street may provide frontage only upon a determination by the Planning and Zoning Board that it provides adequate access for fire, police, and emergency vehicles. Lot frontage shall be measured continuously along the street line of a single way between side lot lines, except as follows:*

- (a) For a corner lot, frontage shall be measured between one side lot line and the right of way line of an intersecting street.*
- (b) Lots with interrupted or discontinuous frontage must demonstrate that the required length along the street may be obtained from one (1) continuous frontage section, without any totaling of discontinuous frontage sections.*

or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Growth Management Study Committee)

DISMISSED.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton Zoning By-Law, specifically, to insert a new Section 8-11 therein, said Section 8-11 to be entitled "Common Driveways," and said Section to read as follows:

8-11 COMMON DRIVEWAYS

A. General

Common driveways providing actual access to not more than three (3) lots may be allowed on special permit by the Planning and Zoning Board.

B. Design Standards and Criteria

A common driveway must satisfy all of the following conditions:

- (1) The distance of the common driveway measured from the street line to the point where any principal building is proposed shall not exceed a distance of five hundred (500) feet, unless the Planning and Zoning Board makes a determination that said driveway will provide safe and reasonable access for fire, police and emergency vehicles.*
- (2) The common driveway shall be located entirely within the boundaries of the lots to which the driveway provides access, and shall be separated from any other lots to which access is not being provided by an appropriately landscaped buffer area at least twenty (20) feet in width.*
- (3) The common driveway shall have a leveling area of at least 40 feet in length from the street pavement, with a minimum depth of 20 feet of pavement in accordance with the Subdivision Regulations (except where such paving is prohibited by other Town bylaws), and sloped not more than 4% grade for the 40 feet it extends from the street pavement.*
- (4) The centerline intersection of the common driveway with the street centerline shall not be less than 45 degrees.*
- (5) A minimum cleared width of 18 feet, and a minimum travel way of 12 feet, shall be maintained over the entire length of the common driveway.*
- (6) A roadway surface of a minimum of 4 inches of graded gravel, placed over a properly prepared base, graded and compacted to drain from the crown shall be installed. Where the property rises in elevation from the street, the driveway shall be paved from the street to the first high point (break in grade) in order to prevent erosion toward the street, except where such paving is prohibited by other Town bylaws.*
- (7) The grade of each common driveway where it intersects with the public way shall not exceed eight percent (8%) for a distance of 20 feet from the travel surface of the public way unless the Planning and Zoning Board shall grant a special permit after a determination that said driveway will provide safe and reasonable access for fire, police and emergency vehicles.*
- (8) The common driveway shall not disrupt existing drainage patterns. A grading and sloping plan, showing existing and proposed conditions, shall be submitted with the special permit application to demonstrate compliance with this requirement.*
- (9) Proposed documents shall be submitted to the Planning and Zoning Board demonstrating that, through easements, restrictive covenants, or other appropriate legal devices, the maintenance (including snow removal), repair and liability for the common driveway and all public utilities shall remain perpetually the responsibility of the private parties or their successors in interest.*

(10) *The common driveway shall never be used to satisfy frontage requirements.*

C. Plan Requirement

An application for a common driveway shall include a plan showing the driveway serving the premises, and existing and proposed topography at 2-foot contour intervals. This information may be shown on a site plan, an Approval Not Required Plan, or any other plan of the lots to which access is to be provided by the common driveway.

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DISMISSED.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton Zoning By-Law, specifically, to insert a new Section 7-15 therein, said Section 7-15 to be entitled "Open Space Residential Development," and said Section to read as follows:

7-15 Open Space Residential Development

A. Purpose

The purposes of this section are:

- (1) to preserve open space for natural resource protection, recreation, agriculture and forestry;*
- (2) to preserve significant natural, historical and archaeological resources;*
- (3) to preserve and foster the Town of Easton's rural and scenic character;*
- (4) to promote development that is in harmony with natural features and resources, the town's historic and traditional landscapes, the existing and probable future use of adjacent land, and the general intent of the Zoning Bylaw; and*
- (5) to establish flexible residential development standards and procedures that will support these objectives.*

B. Special Permit

In the Residential District, the Planning and Zoning Board may grant a special permit for an Open Space Residential Development (OSRD) as an alternative to conventional subdivision.

C. Open Space Residential Development Standards

1. Permitted Uses

Land in an OSRD may be used for any purpose permitted in the Residential District.

2. Area and Dimensional Requirements

(a) Minimum Tract Size

- (1) The tract of land for an OSRD must contain at least five (5) acres, and have at least fifty (50) feet of frontage on a public way.*

- (2) *The Planning and Zoning Board may permit lots on directly opposite sides of a street to qualify as a single tract of land. To permit such division of a tract of land by a street, the Planning and Zoning Board must find that this would comply with the purposes of this section and not result in any more dwelling units than would be possible in accordance with the provisions of this Bylaw if the lots on either side of the street were developed separately. If the Board approves a tract of land divided by a street, it may permit the dwelling units to be concentrated on one side of the street and the Common Land to be concentrated on the opposite side of the street.*

(b) Lot Area, Frontage, Width and Yard Requirements

Residential building lots in an OSRD shall comply with the following dimensional requirements:

- (1) Minimum lot area: 20,000 square feet*
- (2) Minimum lot frontage: no requirement.*
- (3) Minimum lot width: no requirement.*

(c) Building Location Requirements

- (1) No residential building shall be located within 20 feet of a public way, private way, or common drive; within 20 feet of a lot line within the OSRD; or within 30 feet of the boundary line of the OSRD; or within 30 feet of the Common Land.*
- (2) The Planning and Zoning Board may require larger setbacks and distances, and it may permit smaller setbacks and distances if it finds that such smaller setbacks will not detract from the purpose and intent of the OSRD.*
- (3) Where the tract contains a pre-existing residential structure, the area and frontage of the lot on which such structure is located after development of the OSRD shall not be reduced below the minimum lot size and minimum frontage required in the underlying zoning district.*

(d) Number of dwelling units

The maximum number of dwelling units permitted in an OSRD shall be computed by dividing the developable area of the OSRD tract by the minimum lot size required in the underlying zoning district. For the purpose of this computation, the "developable" area shall be the total area of the tract, including the Common Land, but excluding all streams, ponds, wetlands as defined in Chapter 227 of the Code of the Town of Easton and Chapter 131, Sec. 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws, floodplains, detention/retention basins, and areas subject to existing valid open space restrictions.

(e) Streets and Utilities

Whether or not the OSRD is a subdivision, all streets whether public or private, and all sewage, drainage facilities and utilities, shall be designed and constructed in compliance with the Town of Easton Subdivision Rules and Regulations, except as specifically modified by the following design standards:

- (1) The minimum widths of rights-of-way shall be forty feet (40').*
- (2) The minimum widths of roadways (paved travel area) shall be twenty-two feet (22') for streets providing access to up to and including 40 dwellings, and twenty-four feet (24') for streets providing access to more than 40 dwellings.*
- (3) Up to eight dwellings may be served by a Private Way conforming to the requirements for such ways set forth in Rules and Regulations adopted by the Planning and Zoning Board.*

Exceptions to the Subdivision Rules and Regulations may be authorized by the Planning and Zoning Board in granting a special permit hereunder provided that the Board determines such exceptions are in the public interest and are not inconsistent with the purposes of Section A.

3. Common Land

(a) Dimensional Requirements

In an OSRD, at least sixty percent (60%) of the total tract area shall be set aside as Common Land for the use of the OSRD residents or the general public. The following additional requirements shall apply:

- (1) The minimum required area of Common Land shall not contain a greater percentage of wetlands (as defined in M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, or in Chapter 227 of the Town of Easton Bylaws) than the percentage of wetlands found in the overall tract of land on which the OSRD is located.*
- (2) Common Land shall be planned as large, contiguous parcels whenever possible. Strips or narrow parcels of Common Land shall be permitted only when necessary for providing access to the Common Land from a public or private way, or if the Planning and Zoning Board finds that a vegetated buffer strip along the site's perimeter is appropriate and consistent with the purpose of OSRD development.*
- (3) Common Land may be set aside in more than one parcel provided that the size, shape and location of such parcels are suitable for the designated uses.*
- (4) If the tract of land abuts adjacent Common Land or undeveloped lots, the Common Land shall be connected with such adjacent Common Land and with such undeveloped abutting lots.*
- (5) The Common Land shall include adequate upland access from a way or street.*

(b) Use of the Common Land

- (1) The Common Land shall be dedicated and used for natural resource protection, recreation, park purposes, outdoor education, agriculture, horticulture or forestry, or for any combination of such uses. No other uses shall be allowed in the Common Land, except as follows:*
 - (i) A portion of the Common Land may also be used for the construction of leaching areas associated with septic disposal systems serving the OSRD or for water supply wells serving the OSRD, if the Planning and Zoning Board determines that such use will enhance the specific purpose of Open Space Residential Development and promote better overall site planning. Septic disposal easements shall be no larger than reasonably necessary. If any portion of the Common Land is used for the purpose of such leaching areas or wells, the Planning and Zoning Board shall require adequate assurances and covenants that such facilities shall be maintained by the lot owners within the OSRD.*
 - (ii) A portion of the Common Land may also be used for ways serving as pedestrian walks, bicycle paths and emergency access or egress to the OSRD or adjacent land, if the Planning and Zoning Board determines that such a use will enhance the specific purpose of Open Space Residential Development and promote better overall site planning, and if the Planning and Zoning Board finds that adequate assurances and covenants exist to ensure proper maintenance of such facilities by the owner of the Common Land.*
 - (iii) The Common Land may be subject to easements for the construction, maintenance, and repair of utility and drainage facilities serving the Open Space Residential Development or adjacent parcels.*
- (2) The Common Land shall remain unbuilt upon, provided that an overall maximum of five (5) percent of such land may be subject to pavement and structures accessory to the dedicated use or uses of the Common Land.*
- (3) The proposed use of the Common Land shall be specified on a Land Use Plan, and appropriate dedications and restrictions shall be part of the deed to the Common Land.*

- (4) *The Planning and Zoning Board shall have the authority to approve or disapprove particular uses proposed for the Common Land in order to enhance the specific purposes of Open Space Residential Development, and to further efforts to equitably distribute a variety of open space benefits throughout the community.*

(c) Ownership of Common Land

- (1) *The Common Land shall be conveyed in whole or in part to the Town of Easton and accepted by it; or to a nonprofit organization, the principal purpose of which is the conservation of open space and/or any of the purposes and uses to which the Common Land is to be dedicated; or to a corporation or trust owned or to be owned by the owners of the dwelling units within the Open Space Residential Development. The Planning and Zoning Board shall approve the form of ownership of the Common Land.*
- (2) *If any portion of the Common Land is not conveyed to the Town of Easton, a perpetual restriction, approved by the Planning and Zoning Board and enforceable by the Town of Easton, shall be imposed on the use of such land, providing in substance that the land be kept in its open or natural state and that the land shall not be built upon or developed or used except in accordance with provisions of an OSRD as set forth herein and, if applicable, as further specified in the decision of the Planning and Zoning Board governing the individual OSRD.*
- (3) *The proposed ownership of all Common Land shall be shown on the Land Use Plan for the OSRD.*
- (4) *At the time of its conveyance, the Common Land shall be free of all encumbrances, mortgages or other claims, except as to easements, restrictions and encumbrances required or permitted by this bylaw.*

(d) Maintenance of Common Land

If the Common Land is to be held by a homeowners association, or other approved entity, a management plan shall be prepared establishing responsibilities and schedules for maintenance of the Common Land.

4. Additional Design Criteria

- (a) *Four-Step Design Process. Each plan for Open Space Residential Development shall follow a four-step design process, as described below. When the application is submitted, applicants shall be prepared to demonstrate to the Planning and Zoning Board that these four design steps were followed by their site designers in determining the layout of their proposed streets, house lots, and open space.*
 - (1) *Designating the Open Space. First, identify the open space to be protected. The open space shall include, to the extent feasible, the most sensitive and noteworthy natural, scenic, and cultural resources on the property.*
 - (2) *Location of House Sites. Second, locate the potential house sites. House sites shall be located not closer than 100 feet to wetlands areas (as defined in M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, or in Chapter 227 of the Town of Easton Bylaws), but may be situated within 50 feet of open space areas (other than the wetlands defined above), in order to enjoy views of the latter without negatively impacting the former.*
 - (3) *Street and Lot Layout. Third, align the proposed streets to provide vehicular access to each house in the most reasonable and economical way. When lots and access streets are laid out, they shall be located in a way that minimizes adverse impacts on open space. To the greatest extent practicable, wetland crossings shall be strongly discouraged. The creation of single-loaded residential access streets is encouraged, in order that the maximum number of homes in new developments may enjoy views of open space.*

- (4) *Lot Lines. Fourth, draw in the lot lines (where applicable). These are generally drawn midway between house locations.*
- (b) *In addition to the standards set forth in previous sections of this Section 7-15, the OSRD shall be designed in accordance with the following objectives, in order of priority:*
- (1) *Septic systems shall be placed on the most suitable soil for subsurface septic disposal.*
 - (2) *Buildings shall be sited within any woodland contained in the parcel or along the edges of the open fields adjacent to any woodland so as to reduce any impact upon the site's natural, scenic and cultural resources, and to enable new construction to be visually absorbed by the natural landscape features.*
 - (3) *Buildings shall be sited in locations least likely to interrupt scenic vistas, as seen from the public roadways.*
 - (4) *Buildings shall be sited in locations where the greatest number of units can be designed to take maximum advantage of solar heating opportunities.*
 - (5) *Buildings shall be sited to avoid sensitive environmental features, including wildlife habitat, wetlands (as defined in M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, or in Chapter 227 of the Town of Easton Bylaws), water bodies, steep slopes or other important site features.*
 - (6) *New buildings may be sited in clusters close to an existing public road to reflect the traditional locations, patterns and setbacks of nearby buildings. Such roadside clusters shall be compatible with the scale of the surrounding neighborhood and shall maintain at least 75% of the existing undeveloped road frontage in conservation. Architectural design of new buildings (proportions, roof pitches, exterior materials and fenestration) shall reflect the character of nearby existing structures.*

D. Special Permit Applications and Procedures

An application for an Open Space Residential Development special permit shall cover the entire Open Space Residential Development.

1. Pre-Submission Meeting

Prior to submission of the Special Permit application, the applicant strongly advised to meet with the Town Planner or other Board designee review the proposed development of the parcel of land, in order to explore general conditions involving the site and to discuss potential problems. Pencil sketches, which need not be professionally prepared, will assist in this discussion, and should show the critical features to be included in the special permit application as set forth in section 2, below.

2. OSRD Requiring Subdivision Approval

If the Open Space Residential Development requires approval under the Subdivision Control Law, the "Open Space Residential Development Site Plan" shall contain a plan in the form and with the contents required of a Definitive Subdivision Plan by the Easton Subdivision Rules and Regulations. The applications for an OSRD Special Permit and for approval of a Definitive Subdivision Plan shall be filed concurrently. To the extent permitted by law, the Planning and Zoning Board shall consider both applications at the same time.

3. Planning and Zoning Board Action

- (a) *In evaluating the proposed OSRD, the Planning and Zoning Board shall consider:*
- (1) the general purpose and objectives of this by-law;*
 - (2) the existing and probable future development of surrounding areas;*
 - (3) the appropriateness of the proposed layout of streets, ways, lots and structures; and*
 - (4) the proposed layout and use of the Common Land in relation to the proposed dwelling units in the OSRD, adjoining public or private common land or open space, or the topography, soils and other characteristics of the tract of land in question.*
- (b) *The Planning and Zoning Board may grant a special permit for an OSRD if it finds that the OSRD:*
- (1) complies with the requirements of this Section 7-15, other applicable requirements of the Zoning Bylaws and, where applicable, the construction and design standards of the Easton Subdivision Rules and Regulations;*
 - (2) is consistent with the purposes of this section; and*
 - (3) is in harmony with the existing and probable future uses of the area and with the character of the surrounding area and neighborhood.*
- (c) *In addition, in order to grant a special permit for an OSRD, the Planning and Zoning Board must find that the number of housing units to be developed in the OSRD will not exceed by more than ten percent (10%) the number of house lots that could be developed under standard lot area and frontage requirements.*

4. Special Permit Conditions

As a condition of approval, the Planning and Zoning Board may require such changes in the proposed development plans and may impose such conditions and safeguards as it deems necessary to secure the objectives of this bylaw, and to protect the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the neighborhood and of the Town of Easton.

E. Change in Plans After Grant of Special Permit

No change in any aspect of the approved plans shall be permitted unless approved in writing by the Planning and Zoning Board. A new or amended special permit will be required if the Planning and Zoning Board determines any proposed change to be substantial.

F. Building Permits

No building permit shall be issued for any structure within an approved OSRD unless such structure is in compliance with this by-law and the terms and conditions of any special permit thereunder. The Planning and Zoning Board is the Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) for this By-Law. or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Growth Management Study Committee)

DISMISSED.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton Zoning By-Law, specifically, to insert a new Section 7-14 therein, said Section 7-14 to be entitled "Adult Retirement Development (ARD)," and said Section to read as follows:

7.14 ADULT RETIREMENT DEVELOPMENT

A. PURPOSE: *The purposes of this section are:*

1. *To provide an alternative housing opportunity for persons 55 years of age and older;*
2. *To provide an attractive and suitable residential environment that is more amenable to the needs of people in their later years;*
3. *To encourage creative and innovative site planning and design, in order to enhance the attractiveness and suitability of this alternative housing type, and to better meet the specific housing needs of this segment of the population; and*
4. *To encourage the preservation of common land for open space and recreational use by promoting the highest and best utilization of land in harmony with its natural features, and to retain the rural character of the town.*

B. SPECIAL PERMIT: *In the Residential and Business Districts, the Planning and Zoning Board may grant a Special Permit for an ADULT RETIREMENT DEVELOPMENT (ARD) as an alternative to conventional subdivision. Subdivision approval pursuant to Chapter 41 MGL is also required.*

C. DEFINITIONS: *For the purpose of this section only, certain terms, words and phrases are herein defined as follows:*

1. *ADULT RETIREMENT DEVELOPMENT (ARD), a self-contained alternative residential community constructed expressly for and specifically limited to use and residency by persons who have achieved a minimum age requirement for residency of at least fifty-five (55) years. Such developments shall comply in all respects to the requirements of MGL Chapter 151B, as it may be amended.*
2. *COMMUNITY FACILITY(IES) - Developed common areas, constructed solely for the use of the residents of the ARD and their guests. The Community Facility(ies) may include buildings housing activities and amenities such as game room, entertainment room, sewing room, library, kitchen, laundry facilities, exercise room, toilet facilities, locker rooms for men and women, etc. Facility(ies) may also include outdoor activities and amenities such as swimming pools, gardens, paths and walkways, putting greens, and the like. All Community Facility(ies) shall be designed and maintained in conformance with the latest Massachusetts standards for handicap accessibility.*

D. ADULT RETIREMENT DEVELOPMENT GENERAL STANDARDS:

1. *Permitted Uses*
Land in the ARD is specifically limited to use, residence and occupancy by persons who have achieved a minimum age of fifty-five (55) years of age, in accordance with MGL Chapter 151B, as it may be amended, and community facilities for residents of the ARD and their guests.
2. *Area and Dimensional Requirements*
(a) Minimum Tract Size: The Tract of land for an ARD must contain at least twenty-five (25) acres and have at least forty (40) feet of frontage on a public way.

(b) Lot Area, Frontage, Width and Yard Requirements:

- (1) Minimum Lot Area: nine-thousand (9,000) square feet*
- (2) Minimum lot frontage: seventy-five (75) feet*
- (3) Minimum lot width: seventy-five (75) feet*
- (4) Minimum yard requirements – see Table 6-3*

3. Building Location Requirements:

- (a) No building (except accessory structures not in excess of 65 square feet) shall be located within 25 feet of a public way or private way; within 30 feet of the boundary line of the ARD; or within 30 feet of any designated Common Land.*
- (b) The Planning and Zoning Board may require larger setbacks and distances, and it may permit smaller setbacks and distances if it finds that such smaller setbacks will not detract from the purpose and intent of the ARD.*

4. Number of Dwellings

- (a) The maximum number of ARD dwelling units in the Town of Easton shall be limited to a number equivalent to five percent (5%) of the existing single-family residential housing units (excluding ARD units) located in the Town of Easton. The number of single-family residential housing units for the purpose of this By-Law shall be as established by the Board of Assessors as of January 1 of the calendar year, in which the special Permit application is filed.*
- (b) The maximum number of dwelling units permitted in an ARD shall be computed by dividing the developable area of the ARD tract (in square feet) by one-half (1/2) of the minimum lot size required in the underlying zoning district. For the purpose of this computation, the "developable" area shall be the total area of the tract, including the Common Land, but excluding all streams, ponds, wetlands, 100 year floodplains, drainage easements, and areas subject to existing valid open space restrictions.*
- (c) The maximum number of dwelling units in any one (1) ARD shall be one hundred fifty (150).*
- (d) The minimum number of dwelling units in any one (1) ARD shall be forty (40).*

5. Streets and Utilities

All streets in the ARD shall be private ways. All streets, and all sewage, drainage facilities, and utilities, shall be designed and constructed in compliance with the Town of Easton Subdivision Rules and Regulations, except as specifically modified by the following design standards:

- (a) The minimum widths of rights-of-way shall be forty (40) feet.*
- (b) The minimum widths of roadways (paved travel area) shall be twenty-two (22) feet for streets providing access for up to and including 40 dwellings, and twenty-four (24) feet for streets providing access for to more than 40 dwellings.*

Exceptions to the Subdivision Rules and Regulations may be authorized by the Planning and Zoning Board in granting a special permit hereunder provided that the Board determines such exceptions are in the public interest and are not inconsistent with the purposes of Section A.

6. Conditions

Any plan approved as an ARD must contain or refer to recorded covenants regarding each of the following:

- (a) The streets within the ARD shall remain permanently a private way, which shall not be extended;*
- (b) The Private Way shall not be connected to any other way except where it originates on a public way; except another private way within the ARD.*
- (c) The lots shall obtain access from the Private Way if, and only if, ownership of the lot provides automatic membership in a homeowner association or any other entity responsible for all maintenance and snow removal of or from the Private Way. The homeowners association or entity hereafter shall retain all rights in the Private Way.*
- (d) The Private Way does not meet the standards of the Town for acceptance for new ways and shall not be proposed for such acceptance.*
- (e) A perpetual easement in favor of the Town of Easton shall be granted to allow access to and*

maintenance of public utilities as appropriate.

7. Common Land

Dimensional Requirements

In an ARD, at least thirty (30) percent of the total tract area shall be set aside as Common Land for the use of the ARD residents. The following additional requirements shall apply:

- (a) The minimum required area of the Common Land shall not contain a greater percentage of wetlands (as defined in MGL Chapter 131, Section 40, or in Chapter 227 of the Code of the Town of Easton) than the percentage of wetlands areas found in the overall tract of land on which the ARD is located.*
- (b) Common Land shall be planned as large, contiguous parcels whenever possible. Strips or narrow parcels of Common Land shall be permitted only when necessary for providing access to the Common Land from a public or private way, or if the Planning and Zoning Board finds that a vegetated buffer strip along the site's perimeter is appropriate and consistent with the purpose of ARD development.*
- (c) Common Land may be set aside in more than one parcel provided that the size, shape and location of such parcels are suitable for the designated uses.*
- (d) The Common Land shall include adequate upland access from a way public or private.*

8. Use of the Common Land

(a) The Common Land shall be dedicated and used for natural resource protection, recreation, park purposes, Community Facilities, outdoor education, agriculture, horticulture forestry, or for any combination of such uses. No other uses shall be allowed in the Common Land, except as follows:

- (i) A portion of the Common Land may be also be used for the construction of leaching areas associated with septic disposal systems serving the ARD or for water supply wells serving the ARD, if the Planning and Zoning Board determines that such use will enhance the specific purpose of the ARD and promote better overall site planning. Septic disposal easements shall be no larger than reasonably necessary. If any portion of the Common Land is used for the purpose of such leaching areas or wells, the Planning and Zoning Board shall require adequate assurances and covenants that such facilities shall be maintained by the lot owners within the ARD.*
- (ii) A portion of the Common Land may also be used for ways serving as pedestrian walks, bicycle paths and emergency access or egress to the Common Land or adjacent land, if the Planning and Zoning Board determines that such a use will enhance the specific purpose of ARD and promote better overall site planning, and if the Planning and Zoning Board finds that adequate assurances and covenants exist to ensure proper maintenance of such facilities by the owner(s) of the Common Land.*
- (iii) The Common Land may be subject to easements for the construction, maintenance, and repair of utility and drainage facilities serving the ARD or adjacent parcels.*

(b) The Common Land shall remain unbuilt upon, provided that an overall maximum of ten (10) percent of such land may be subject to pavement and structures accessory to the dedicated use or uses of the Common Land, exclusive of private ways.

(c) The proposed use of the Common Land shall be specified on a plan, and appropriate dedications and restrictions shall be part of the deed to the Common Land.

(d) The Planning and Zoning Board shall have the authority to approve or disapprove particular uses proposed for the Common Land in order to enhance the specific purposes of ARD and to further efforts to equitably distribute a variety of open space benefits throughout the ARD community.

9. Ownership of Common Land

(a) The Common Land shall be conveyed in whole or in part to a corporation or trust owned or to be owned by the owners of the dwelling units within the ARD; or to an entity responsible for the management of the ARD; or to a non-profit entity, the principal purpose of which is the conservation of open space. The Planning and Zoning Board shall approve the form of ownership of the Common Land.

(b) If any portion of the Common Land is not conveyed to the Town of Easton, a perpetual restriction, approved by the Planning and Zoning Board and enforceable by the Town of Easton, shall be imposed on the use of such land, providing in substance that the land be kept in its open or natural state and that the land shall not be built upon or developed or used except in accordance with provisions of an ARD as set

forth herein and, if applicable, as further specified in the decision of the Planning and Zoning Board governing the individual ARD.

(c) The proposed ownership of all Common Land shall be specified for the ARD.

(d) At the time of its conveyance (if applicable), the Common Land shall be free of all encumbrances, mortgages or other claims (including pre-existing conservation easements or restrictions), except as to easements, restrictions and encumbrances required or permitted by this bylaw.

E. SITE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS:

1. Within the ARD, adequate access shall be provided to each dwelling unit; said access shall be convenient and appropriate for residents and emergency services.

2. To the greatest extent possible, open spaces, common land, house sites, streets and house lots shall be designed with due respect to natural landscape features, scenic views, topography, soils, and natural drainage patterns.

3. All utilities shall be installed underground.

4. Within the ARD, there shall be a buffer zone of at least twenty-five (25) feet in width around the entire perimeter of the Development. The buffer zone shall include natural vegetation, plantings, walls, fences or vegetated earthen berms to provide a screening barrier between the development and the abutting properties. Screening plantings shall be used in combination with fences or walls whenever fences or walls are used. Screening plantings shall be provided between the wall or fence and the abutting property. The buffer zone and its associated screening barrier shall be designated on the Special Permit Plan. The detailed plan for planting and screening shall be prepared by a Registered Landscape Architect and shall be part of the Special Permit application. The actual requirements regarding buffering, plantings and screening shall be determined by the SPGA, the Planning and Zoning Board, as part of the Special Permit process.

5. Retail sales and/or services may be provided within the ARD site for the convenience of residents and their guests only. Signage for such sales or services shall be building-mounted only; sign area shall not exceed six (6) square feet; there shall be only one identification sign per business; and signage shall not be illuminated. All commercial uses within the development shall be delineated as part of the Special Permit application and must be specifically approved by the SPGA as an integral part of the Special Permit. Adequate parking for the approved commercial uses, as determined by the SPGA, shall be provided and depicted on the plan.

6. The hydrants and all water mains within the private right of way shall be owned by the Town of Easton so that they may service and maintain their property.

7. The ARD shall conform with the requirements for a self-contained retirement community as established by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 151B, Section 5, Subsection 8, together with any amendment thereto.

F. APPLICATION PROCESS: An application for an Adult Retirement Planned Unit Development special permit shall cover the entire Adult Retirement Planned Unit Development.

Application Process:

(a) Pre-Submission Meeting

Prior to submission of the special permit application to the Board, the applicant is strongly advised to meet with the Town Planner or other Board designee to review the proposed development of the parcel of land, in order to explore general conditions involving the site and to discuss potential problems. Pencil sketches, which need not be professionally prepared, will assist in this discussion, and should show the critical features of the ARD plan.

(b) Special Permit Application and Definitive Subdivision Plan

The special permit application shall contain a plan in the form and with the contents required of a Definitive Subdivision Plan by the Easton Subdivision Rules and Regulations. The applications for Special Permit and for approval of a Definitive Subdivision Plan shall be filed concurrently. To the extent permitted by law, the Planning and Zoning Board shall consider both applications at the same time.

G. Planning and Zoning Board Action

1. *In evaluating the proposed ARD, the Planning and Zoning Board shall consider:*
 - (a) *the general purpose and objectives of this by-law;*
 - (b) *the existing and probable future development of surrounding areas;*
 - (c) *the appropriateness of the proposed layout of streets, ways, lots and structures; and*
 - (d) *the proposed layout and use of the Common Land in relation to the proposed dwelling units in the ARD, adjoining public or private common land or open space, or the topography, soils and other characteristics of the tract of land in question.*
2. *The Planning and Zoning Board may grant a special permit for an ARD if it finds that the ARD:*
 - (a) *complies with the requirements of this Section 7-14, other applicable requirements of the Zoning Bylaws and any regulations and guidelines promulgated thereto, where applicable, the construction and design standards of the Easton Subdivision Rules and Regulations;*
 - (b) *is consistent with the purposes of this section; and*
 - (c) *is in harmony with the existing and probable future uses of the area and with the character of the surrounding area and neighborhood.*
3. *If the Special Permit granted under this section is for more than 100 units, the SPGA may, at its discretion, specify that the construction of the ARD shall be phased in accordance with the following schedule:*

PHASE I (0-12 months from issuance of SPECIAL PERMIT): Total number of building permits issued for dwelling units shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total number of dwelling units approved under this Special Permit;

PHASE II (12-24 months from issuance of SPECIAL PERMIT): Total number of building permits issued for dwelling units shall not exceed seventy-five percent (75%) of the total number of dwelling units approved under this Special Permit;

PHASE III (24-36 months from issuance of SPECIAL PERMIT): Total number of building permits issued for dwelling units may equal the total number of dwelling units approved under this Special Permit.

H. Special Permit Conditions

As a condition of approval, the Planning and Zoning Board may require such changes in the proposed development plans and may impose such conditions and safeguards as it deems necessary to secure the objectives of this bylaw, and to protect the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the neighborhood and of the Town of Easton.

I. Change in Plans After Grant of Special Permit

No change in any aspect of the approved plans shall be permitted unless approved in writing by the Planning and Zoning Board. A new or amended special permit will be required if the Planning and Zoning Board determines any proposed change to be substantial.

J. Building Permits

No building permit shall be issued for any structure within an approved ARD unless such structure is in compliance with this By-Law and terms and conditions of any special permit thereunder.

The Planning and Zoning Board is the Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) for this By-Law.

or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Planning and Zoning Board)

STANDING COUNT (By Moderator) NO 34, YES 85. VOTE CARRIED.

After the vote on Article 28, the quorum was questioned. It was determined that 200 voters were in the room.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton, Massachusetts Zoning Map dated April 12, 1999 (original date March 7, 1973) as follows: By changing the zoning of certain parcels of land located between Eastman Street (Route 106) and Chestnut Street from Industrial to Residential:

- a. Portion of Lot 187 on Assessor's Map R10;
- b. Portion of Lots 25, 26, 27, 30, and 31 on Assessor's Map R9;

or to take any other action relative thereto. (Submitted by Planning and Zoning Board)

The following counters were duly sworn by Town Clerk Janet Linehan: Lennart Altieri, Marc Brockman, John Kent, Christopher D'Arpino, Barry Dunkley, Charles King.

STANDING COUNT YES 93, NO 75. VOTE DID NOT CARRY.

*After the vote on Article 29, the quorum was questioned again. The Moderator ruled that no quorum was present. At 10:45 p.m. a motion was made and **VOTED TO DISSOLVE THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.** Total Voters present – 450.*

A true record. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC, Town Clerk

ARTICLE 30. To see if the vote to amend the Town of Easton Zoning By-Law, specifically Section 7-10 thereof, by amending paragraph F) to read as follows:

- F) *Application Fees: The Planning and Zoning Board shall establish, and from time to time amend, a schedule of filing fees to cover the costs of processing and engineering review by Town personnel, and review fees to cover the costs of expert technical review by outside consultants.*

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Planning and Zoning Board

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton Zoning By-Law, specifically to delete existing paragraph 12-7 A and replace it with the following:

- A) *The Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) shall be the Board of Appeals, except where another Board is specifically designated as the SPGA for a particular type of special permit.*

And further, in paragraph 12-7 B, to replace the word "Board" with the words "Special Permit Granting Authority," and replace the words "Board of Appeals" with the initials "SPGA."

Or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton Zoning By-Law, specifically by amending Section 6-1 therein by inserting after the words “elsewhere in the Easton Zoning By-law” the following phrase:

“; including, without limitation, special lot size, lot frontage, and/or yard depth requirements for Estate Lots, Residential Compounds, Adult Retirement Developments and Open Space Residential Developments.”

Or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Planning and Zoning Board

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Easton Zoning By-Law, specifically by inserting a new Section 7-5 therein to be entitled “Residential Compound,: and said Section to read as follows:

7-5 Residential Compound

A) Purpose

The purposes of this Section 7-5 are:

1. *To provide subdividers an option to develop a parcel of land under less stringent requirements, where, and only where, the Board determines that such alternative procedures will promote development of the parcel in the best interests of the Town.*
2. *To promote a lower density of housing than is normally allowed through conventional subdivision.*
3. *To alleviate the Town’s short- and long-term costs for road maintenance and lighting.*
4. *To minimize construction in or near environmentally sensitive areas.*
5. *To preserve the rural character of the Town.*

B) General Provision

The Planning and Zoning Board may grant a special permit to allow the development of a subdivision as a Residential Compound. Subdivision approval, pursuant to Chapter 41, MGL is also necessary.

C) Eligibility

To qualify for consideration as a Residential Compound, the subdivision must satisfy all of the following conditions:

1. *The Residential Compound must create at least three but not more than eight lots, be located entirely in a district in which single-family residences are permitted, and have a minimum of forty (40) feet of frontage on an existing public way in Easton.*
2. *The average contiguous upland area of the lots so created shall be at least one and one-half times the minimum lot size set forth for the district in Section 6-3 of the Zoning Bylaw, and as defined in Section II. No lot shall have less than the minimum lot size for the district.*
3. *All lots so created shall have ingress and egress to a Private Way.*

4. The minimum frontage of each lot on the private way shall be at least 75 feet.
5. The Private Way shall extend from a Town of Easton accepted or public way, and shall end in a cul-de-sac or connect back to itself.
6. A buffer zone of at least 75 feet in width of indigenous vegetation shall separate the structures in the development from any adjacent public way. The buffer zone shall provide a dense vegetative screen which shall be supplemented by additional indigenous vegetation and landscaping that is designed to block the view of the residential structures from the existing public way.

D) Application Process

1. Pre-Submission Meeting

Prior to submission of the Special Permit application, it is strongly advised that the applicant meet with the Town Planner or other Board designee to review the proposed development of the parcel of land, in order to explore general conditions involving the site and to discuss potential problems. Pencil sketches, which need not be professionally prepared, will assist in this discussion, and should show the critical features of the Residential Compound plan.

2. Special Permit Application and Definitive Subdivision Plan

The special permit application shall contain a plan in the form and with the contents required of a Definitive Subdivision Plan by the Easton Subdivision Rules and Regulations. The applications for Special Permit and for approval of a Definitive Subdivision Plan shall be filed concurrently. To the extent permitted by law, the Planning and Zoning Board shall consider both applications at the same time.

E) Planning and Zoning Board Approval

The Planning and Zoning Board may approve a Residential Compound subdivision upon a determination that the Residential Compound, as compared to a conventional subdivision of the same parcel, is likely to:

1. reduce the number of lots having egress onto existing streets;
2. reduce the number of lots having frontage on existing public ways;
3. reduce cut and fill in road construction and subdivision development;
4. promote public safety and welfare, particularly with regard to traffic and pedestrian safety;
5. be constructed in a manner which will have the least visual impact on the parcel of land in question as viewed from the public way providing access to the Residential Compound subdivision, or from adjacent residentially zoned properties;
6. produce less irregularly shaped or contorted lot configurations;
7. promote housing affordable to persons or families of low or moderate income, as defined by the standards and criteria of the Massachusetts Department of Housing & Community Development;
or
8. afford protection to the Town's groundwater resources.

F) Conditions

Any plan approved as a Residential Compound must contain or refer to recorded covenants regarding each of the following:

1. The Private Way shall remain permanently a private way, which shall not be extended;
2. The Private Way shall not be connected to any other way except where it originates on a public way;
3. The lots shall obtain access from the Private Way if, and only if, ownership of the lot provides automatic membership in a homeowner association responsible for all maintenance and snow removal of or from the Private Way. The homeowners association shall retain all rights in the Private Way.
4. The Private Way does not meet the standards of the Town for acceptance for new ways and shall not be proposed for such acceptance.
5. The homeowners association shall indemnify, hold harmless and release the Town from liability for any damages resulting from an action brought by a third party or the association in any court due to the repair, use, or maintenance of the Private Way.
6. A perpetual easement in favor of the Town of Easton shall be granted to allow access to and maintenance of public utilities as appropriate.

G) Private Ways

Private Ways shall have:

1. A leveling area of at least 40 feet in length from the street pavement, with a minimum depth of 20 feet of pavement in accordance with the Subdivision Regulations (except where such paving is prohibited by other Town bylaws), and sloped not more than 4% grade for the 40 feet it extends from the street pavement;
2. A centerline intersection with the street centerline of not less than 60%;
3. A roadway surface, on that portion of the Private Way extending beyond the leveling area, of a minimum of 6 inches of graded gravel, placed over a properly prepared base, graded and compacted to drain from the crown. Where the property rises in elevation from the street, the way shall be paved from the street to the first high point (break in grade) in order to prevent erosion toward the street, except where such paving is prohibited by other Town bylaws;
4. Proper drainage appurtenances, where required, to prevent washout and excessive erosion, with particular attention to the leveling area, so that water draining onto the street surface from the leveling area is eliminated to the maximum extent feasible;
5. A roadway surface, on that portion of the Private Way extending beyond the leveling area, with a minimum width of 18 feet for its entire length, and a minimum right-of-way width of 30 feet for its entire length;
6. A turnaround or cul-de-sac of not less than 30 feet in depth and 40 feet in width provided at the end of the terminus;

7. A buffer zone of indigenous vegetation supplemented by new plantings and landscaping as may be required by the Planning and Zoning Board separating the Private Way from any pre-existing residential lot line.

H) Rules and Regulations

The Planning and Zoning Board shall establish, and from time to time amend, regulations for the administration of this section, including a schedule of filing fees to cover the costs of processing and engineering review by Town personnel, and review fees to cover the costs of expert technical review by outside consultants.

The Planning and Zoning Board is the Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) for this by-law.
Or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Planning and Zoning Board

ARTICLE 34. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof one at each meeting house and post office of the Town and one at the Oliver Ames High School Gymnasium and one at the Town Offices, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 1st day of November in the year nineteen hundred and ninety nine.

Jeffrey L. Tufts, Chairman
Carla A. Goodwin, Clerk
William D. Hardin
Frederick W. Clark
Patricia E. Webster
EASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Bristol, ss. Easton, Mass. November 4, 1999
By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have
This day posted attested copies of this Warrant.

John Melin, Constable of Easton

A true copy. Attest: Janet Andrus Linehan, CMC/AAE/CMMC, Town Clerk

1999 GRANT STATUS REPORT (FINAL REPORT)			
GRANT NAME	DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE	AWARD \$\$	NOTES
Tobacco Control	Community service & cessation programs	\$67,523	FY98 \$51,771, FY99 \$67,523, FY00 \$118,812, FY01 \$118,812
DEP Clean Water State Revolving Fund	Comprehensive Wastewater Mgmt. Plan	\$350,000	0% loan program
DEM Historic Landscape program	Additional funding for the Rockery	\$100,000	
Council on Aging Formula Grant	Local Programs for the elderly	\$10,858	Dept. of Elder Affairs funds
FY00 Community Policing Grant Program	Continuation of 8 Community Policing Programs	\$50,000	
FY00 DARE Program	DARE educational programs	\$15,000	
DARE donation from Dunkin' Donuts	DARE programs	\$2,275	
TOTAL GRANT FUNDS AWARDED		\$595,656	

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DEDICATION

MARTYN H. LINCOLN

This year's Town Report is dedicated to Town Counsel Martyn "Marty" Lincoln, who retired in March 2000 after 40 years as Town Counsel.

Marty received his law degree from Boston University Law School. He served in the US 3rd Army during World War II under General George S. Patton.

All of us admire Marty. But it's not an admiration that happens in an instant, because he is such an unassuming gentleman. Rather our respect for Marty grows over time, by being with him and watching him. After meeting Marty for the first time, it's hard to recall when you first realize that you are in the presence of a very special man.

Maybe it's when he just sunk his fourth or fifth 20-foot putt on your golf team and you suddenly say to yourself, "God I'm glad he's on my team".

Or maybe it's when you've been up all night wrestling with the Town Meeting Warrant trying to figure out how to word some article, so you call Marty in the morning and in an instant he tells you how, and you say, "God I'm glad he's on our team".

Or maybe it's when it's 1944 and you've been sharing a cold foxhole in some god-forsaken part of the 3rd Army's line in WWII and you're scared out of your mind but you somehow feel better in the presence of Marty's incredibly calm nature and you say, "God I'm glad he's on our team".

Or maybe it's when Rita became life-threateningly sick a few years ago and you watched Marty's tender devotion to her and you learned by his example what love is really about and you said to yourself, "God I am so glad he is on Her team".

Marty has been on all our teams for so long, and he has shown us so much about what being a good person is all about, that I'm not sure how we will get along without him. He has defined for us, the word "character".

But he is retiring, and some would say that his work is now over. But we shouldn't be so sure. What he has built for us with such patience and painstaking care these past forty years doesn't simply end with his retirement.

What he has taught us, whether it's how to putt, write a warrant article, have courage in the presence of fear, love another without reservation, or be a "gentleman" in the true sense of the word, we will always have to treasure.

And we can also be very, very sure of this. Years from now, some Town official will be sitting in his office, wrestling with some difficult Town Meeting question, and he will remember something that Marty once said, and the question will be answered. And he will smile. And he will say "God, I'm glad Marty is still on our team!"

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